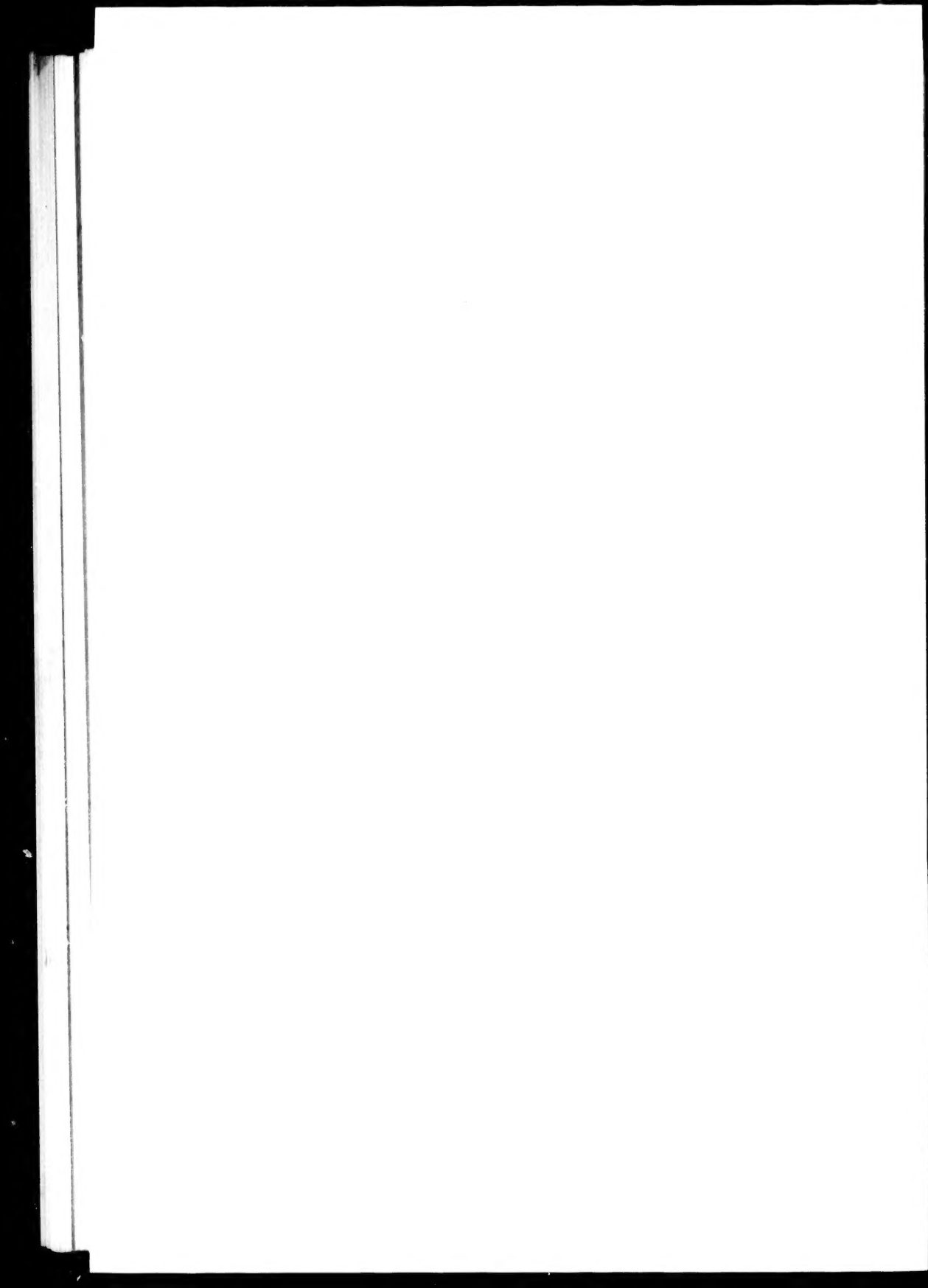




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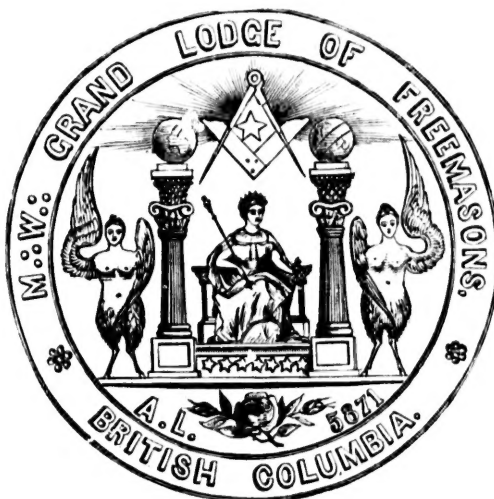
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Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

I, HENRY BROWN, Grand Secretary of the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Special Sessions: Laying Corner Stone, August 27th, 5887; Unveiling Monument, May 5th, 5888; Dedication of Temple, June 23rd, 5888; and the Annual Communication held in the City of New Westminster, on Saturday, June 23rd, 5888, and terminated on 25th June, 5888, and of the Returns of Subordinate Lodges, together with other matters authorized to be published.



In Testimony whereof I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, at the office of the Grand Secretary in the Masonic Temple, City of Victoria, this first day of July, in the year of light, five thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

A. Brown
Grand Secretary



Special Communication

OF THE

Grand Lodge of British Columbia

A. F. & A. M.

Laying Corner Stone

OF

MASONIC TEMPLE

FOR

Union Lodge, No. 9,

ON

Saturday, Aug. 27th, 1887.

PROCEEDINGS
—OF THE—
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Special Communication

 **H**ELD AT NEW WESTMINSTER, ON SATURDAY
August 27th, 1887, for the purpose of laying the
Corner Stone of Masonic Temple for Union Lodge, No. 9.

The Grand Lodge was opened IN AMPLE FORM by the
M. W. Grand Master, A. R. Milne, who announced to the
Brethren the purpose of the Communication and called on
the Grand Marshal who formed the procession in the
following order:

Tyler, with drawn Sword,
Stewards with Rods,
Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts,
Visiting Brethren,
Brother with Banner of Union Lodge, No. 9,
Past Masters, two and two,
Royal Arch Masons, two and two,
Band,
Grand Tyler with drawn sword,
Grand Stewards with white rods,
Grand Superintendent of Works, with square, level and plumb,
Grand Secretary, with book of Constitutions,
Grand Treasurer, with various coins, documents, etc.,
Brother with Bible, square and compasses,
Grand Chaplain,
Past Grand Wardens,
Past Deputy Grand Masters,

Junior Grand Warden, with silver vessel filled with oil,
 Senior Grand Warden with silver vessel filled with wine,
 Deputy Grand Master with gold vessel filled with corn,
 Past Grand Masters,
 Grand Pursuivant,
 Grand Master,
 Grand Standard Bearer,
 Grand Marshal, } Under directions of M.: W.: Grand
 Grand Director of Ceremonies, } Master.

The head of the procession having arrived at the objective point, the brethren halted, opened to the right and left, and uncovered. The Grand Master and his officers passed through the lines to the platform. The rest of the brethren surrounded the platform (inside the circle of spectators) forming a hollow square.

The Grand Master was seated in front of the centre of the platform, immediately surrounded by the principal officers of the Grand Lodge, Upon a table before him were deposited by their several bearers, the Holy Writings, the Book of Constitutions, the golden vessel of Corn, the silver vessels containing Wine and Oil, the great lights, the Five Orders of Architecture, and the Working Tools.

All being properly arranged, appropriate music was played by the band, after which the Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain offered up the following prayer:

And now O God of Israel, who saidst in the beginning, Let there be light, and there was light, grant us to perform this service unto Thee in holiness; that evermore guarded by Thy power, and guided by the Light of Truth, we may continually render unto Thee all Glory and Thanksgiving, world without end.—Amen. So mote it be.

ODE.

Hail, Masonry Divine !
 Glory of ages, shine
 While time shall last!
 Where'er thy vot'ries are,
 Let Love and Peace be there ;
 Let thy good works compare
 With ages past.

Great mission thine below—
 This pilgrimage of woe
 Thine 'tis to cheer.
 With open heart and hand,
 Thy sons in every land,
 At Charity's demand,
 Are ever near.

As, since the Day of Light,
 Blazing with lustre bright,
 Thy star hath shone ;
 So may its brightness send
 Joy, gladness, without end,
 Till Eternity attend,
 And Time be gone.

Brother W. A. Duncan, Worshipful Master of Union Lodge, then presented the Grand Master with a Trowel. After suitable reply by the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal proclaimed silence, and said:

By authority of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the Province of British Columbia, and in obedience to his order, I do now command and require all persons here assembled to preserve silence and to observe due order and decorum during the ceremonies of this occasion. This proclamation I make once, twice, thrice, in the South, West, and East.

Worshipful Master, Brother Duncan, then invited the Grand Master to commence the ceremonies, when the Grand Master said:

WORSHIPFUL SIR.—The Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons have gathered here to-day by your invitation for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a Temple. The brotherhood throughout the Province greet their brethren of New Westminster with a God Speed in their noble undertaking of erecting a Temple in which will be propagated those noble tenets of our beloved Order—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The erection of this Temple, as an evidence of your devotion to the principles of Freemasonry, justly entitles you to the highest commendation of the Fraternity throughout the world. It will stand as an enduring monument, transmitting to posterity a history of the zeal and enterprise of the Masons of New Westminster.

It is a source of heartfelt joy to all the Craft assembled here, to par-

ticipate with you in the inauguration of this glorious work. You do well to build this Temple, to which the toil-worn craftsman shall turn with confidence, and find refreshment and repose; to which the weary pilgrim will bend his steps for shelter and succour, and find an asylum and a hearty welcome from strong hands and warm hearts; and to which the distressed widow and the helpless orphan may ever repair, with the certainty of finding comfort and assistance in their hours of need.

May symmetry and order rest upon each line and curve, and strength and beauty characterize each arch and pillar, from base to coping-stone; and may the grandeur of its proportions attract the admiration and gladden the heart of every lover of order and of progress.

The Grand Master:—

Brother Senior Grand Warden: It has been the custom among the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, from time immemorial to assemble for the purpose of laying the foundation stones of public buildings, when required so to do by those having authority. The Grand Lodge of British Columbia having been invited by Union Lodge of New Westminster to lay the corner stone of this Temple, to be dedicated to Masonry, Virtue and Universal Benevolence, it has by my order, been here convened, and it is my will and pleasure that you now assist me in the performance of that pleasing duty. This you will communicate to the R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden, and he to the Craft, that they, and all others present, may be duly notified thereof.

The Senior Grand Warden:—

Brother Junior Grand Warden: It is the will and pleasure of our Most Worshipful Grand Master that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia do now assist in laying the foundation stone of this Masonic Temple. This you will communicate to the brethren, that they, and all others here assembled, may have due and timely notice of his order.

The Junior Grand Warden:—

Brethren: It is the will and pleasure of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in this Province, that the Grand Lodge do now proceed with the ceremony of laying the corner stone of this Masonic Temple. Of this you will take due notice, and govern yourselves accordingly.

An enlivening piece of music by the band followed the announcement, after which the Grand Master, addressing the Grand Treasurer, said:

Brother Grand Treasurer: It has ever been the custom of the Craft

upon occasions like the present to deposit within a cavity in the stone placed at the north-east corner of the building, certain memorials of the period at which it was erected, so that if, in the lapse of the ages, the fury of the elements, the violence of man, or the slow but certain ravages of time, should lay bare its foundation, an enduring record may be found by succeeding generations, to bear testimony to the untiring, unending industry of Free and Accepted Masons. Has such a deposit been prepared?

The Grand Treasurer:—

It has, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the various articles of which it is composed are safely enclosed within the casket now before you.

The Grand Master:—

Brother Grand Secretary: You will read the record of the contents of the casket.

LIST OF ARTICLES DEPOSITED IN THE FOUNDATION OF MASONIC
HALL, NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., AUGUST 27TH, 1887:

The Scroll,
The Book of Constitutions,
The first By-laws of Union Lodge, No. 1201, New Westminster, B. C.
The By-Laws of Union Lodge, No. 9, New Westminster, B. C.
The By-Laws of Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 491, at Burrard Inlet, B. C.
List of Grand Officers for A. L. 5887,
Programme of laying Corner Stone,
Meteorological Observations for last ten years, presented by Captain
Adolphus Peele,
Stamps of the period:— $\frac{1}{2}$ cent, 1 cent, 2 cents, 3 cents, 5 cents, 6 cents,
10 cents, 15 cents, 2 and 5 cents registered stamps; One "two pence
half-penny" stamp of British Columbia and Vancouver Island, now
obsolete. Presented by James Orr, M. P. P.
A lithographic view of New Westminster, B. C., taken in 1884, from the
"West Shore,"
Coins of the period: Silver—50c., 10c., and 5c. Gold—1 English half
sovereign; Paper—Bank of British Columbia \$5 note, New West-
minster issue, 1887; Bank of Montreal \$5 note; Bank of British
North America \$5 note; Dominion of Canada \$1 note, payable at
Victoria, B. C.
One Copy of "Daily British Columbian," printed every evening.

One copy of "Mainland Guardian," issued twice a week,
 By-Laws of Union Lodge, No. 899, New Westminster, 1886,
 One lamb skin leathern apron (miniature.)
 Copy of Summons calling Lodge together for August 27th,
 Calendar for 1887, (A. L. 5887).

BY THE FAVOR OF ALMIGHTY GOD
 THE
 GREAT ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

On the 27th day of the month of August, A. D. 1887, and of the era of Free Masonry, A. L. 5887, and in the 51st year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, the Most Honorable Marquis of Lansdowne being Governor-General of Canada; the Hon. Hugh Nelson, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia; Alexander R. Milne, Esq., of the City of Victoria, being M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of British Columbia; Robert Dickinson, Esq., Mayor and Thos. C. Atkinson, Esq., Police Magistrate of the City of New Westminster; Wm. A. Duncan, W. M., Thos. Mouatt, S. Warden and David Wilson, J. Warden of Union Lodge No. 9; Benjamin Douglas, W. A. Duncan and John S. Clute, Trustees of said Union Lodge; Geo. W. Grant, Architect and Henry Hoy, Contractor.

This Corner Stone of the Masonic Temple, in the City of New Westminster, is laid by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, assisted by R. W. Bro. John S. Clute, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Dixie H. Ross, Grand Senior Warden, R. W. Bro. Henry Hoy, Grand Junior Warden, and other officers and members of the Grand Lodge, Union Lodge, and a large number of the Brethren resident in the Province.

Original Charter,
 A. D. 1861.

E. R.

Union Lodge.

No. 9,

G. R. B. C.

Grand Master:—

Bro. Grand Treasurer: You will now deposit the casket in the cavity beneath the corner stone; and may the Great Architect of the

Universe, in His wisdom, grant that ages upon ages shall pass away ere it again be seen of men.

Whilst the Grand Treasurer was depositing the casket, the Brethren sang the following ode:

Place we now the Corner Stone—
True and trusty, brothers own—
Let us bring with hearts sincere,
Hands to help and voice to cheer.

Prov'd by the Grand Master's hand,
Long may this foundation stand!
May its superstructure rise
In grace and beauty neath the skies.

Let us join in songs of praise,
That a Temple here we raise;
Hoping, ages hence, 't will prove
A home for Charity and Love!

After which the Grand Superintendent of Works presented the working tools to the Grand Master who handed

The Square to the Deputy Grand Master,
The Level to the Senior Grand Warden,
The Plumb to the Junior Grand Warden,

When those officers descended to the stone and arranged themselves around it in the following order: The Grand Master at the East, the Deputy Grand Master at the North, the Senior Grand Warden at the West and the Junior Grand Warden at the South.

The Grand Master assisted by craftsmen appointed for the purpose, then spread the cement upon the lower stone and directed the upper one to be lowered to its place, which was done with a Lewis and suitable tackle, and at the signal given it was lowered at three separate intervals, the grand honors being given by all the assembled brethren at each separate stoppage of the stone.

When it was adjusted in its place and the Grand Master had pointed the cement about its edges, he addressed the Deputy Grand Master as follows:

R. W. Deputy Grand Master: What is the proper jewel of your office?

D.: G.: M.: The Square.

G.: M.: What are its moral and Masonic uses?

D.: G.: M.: To govern our actions by the square of virtue and prove our work.

G.: M.: Apply the implement to those portions of the stone that should be squared, and make report.

The D.: G.: M.: applied the square to the stone and reported: G.: M.: I find the stone to be square, the craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master. R.: W.: Senior Grand Warden, What is the proper jewel of your office?

S.: G.: W.: The Level.

G.: M.: What are its moral and Masonic uses?

S.: G.: W.: Morally it reminds us of equality, and its use is to lay horizontals.

G.: M.: Apply the implement of your office and make report.

The Senior Grand Warden applied the level to the stone and replied: M.: W.: I find the stone to be level, the craftsmen have performed their duty.

Grand Master. R.: W.: Junior Grand Warden, What is the proper jewel of your office?

J.: G.: W.: The Plumb.

G.: M.: What are its moral and Masonic uses?

J.: G.: W.: Morally it teaches rectitude of conduct, and we use it try perpendiculars.

G.: M.: Apply the implement of your office to the stone, and make report.

The Junior Grand Warden applied the plumb to the stone and reported: Most Worshipful, I find the stone is plumb, the craftsmen have performed their duty.

The Grand Master again approached the stone, saying:

"The craftsmen having faithfully and skilfully performed their duty, I declare this foundation stone to be well formed, true and trusty. May the edifice which is to rest upon it ever be devoted to the uses of those whose mission is to extend the spread of useful knowledge, to practice

unceasing and unostentatious charity, and to inculcate fraternity and goodwill among men; and may it be completed by the craftsmen in peace, love and harmony—they suffering no contention among themselves except that noble and fraternal one, as to who best can work and best agree."

At this juncture the G.: D.: C.: directed the Grand Stewards to hand the following vessels to the proper officers.

Gold vessel containing corn to Deputy Grand Master.

Silver vessel containing wine to Senior Grand Warden.

Silver vessel containing oil to Junior Grand Warden.

The Deputy Grand Master:—

I pour this corn as an emblem of plenty. May the blessing of bounteous Heaven be showered upon us, and upon all like patriotic and benevolent undertakings, and inspire us and the hearts of the people with virtue, wisdom and gratitude.

Response: So mote it be.

The Senior Grand Warden:—

I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless and prosper our Dominion, Provincial and City Governments, preserve the British Empire, and may it be a bond of friendship and brotherly love that shall endure through all time.

Response: So mote it be.

The Junior Grand Warden:—

I pour this oil as an emblem of peace. May its blessings abide with us continually, and may the Grand Master of Heaven and Earth shelter and protect the widow and orphan; shield them from the trials and vicissitudes of the world, and so bestow His mercy upon the bereaved, the afflicted, the sorrowing, that they may know sorrow and trouble no more.

Response: So mote it be.

The Grand Master struck the stone three times with the gavel. Standing in front of all, his hands extended, invoked a blessing.

May the beneficent Author of Nature bless the people of this Province with an abundance of the necessaries, conveniences, and comforts of life; assist in the erection and completion of this building, protect the workmen against every accident, and preserve the structure from decay, and grant to us a bountiful supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. Amen.

Response; So mote it be.

The Public Grand Honors were then given.

The Grand Master then delivered the plans and implements of architecture to the Architect saying:—

“Brother Grand Architect: Relying upon your skill in our noble art, I now confide to you these implements of Operative Masonry. May this undertaking be speedily accomplished; may there be no envy, discord or confusion among the workmen; and may you perform the important duties with which you have been charged; not only to the satisfaction of those who have entrusted you with their fulfilment, but in such a manner as shall secure the approbation of your own conscience, and redound to the honor of our Ancient Craft.”

The Grand Master and his officers then returned to the platform and resumed their seats, while the brethren sang the following ode:—

Corn, Wine, and Oil we've poured upon
Our brethren's hope—the Corner Stone—
The work is well begun;
May Wisdom, Strength and Beauty now
Each with its attributes endow
That which is to be done.

And, when our Temple is complete,
Once more may all the brethren meet
Its Halls to dedicate
To Friendship, Virtue, Truth and Love,
To Charity and all above,
To God, the Good, the Great.

After the ode, the Grand Master addressed the assemblage, as follows:—

Men and Brethren here assembled, be it known unto you that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged by solemn obligations to erect magnificent buildings to be serviceable to the Brethren, and to fear God the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us concealed from the eyes of all men secrets which cannot be divulged, and which have never yet been found out, but those secrets are lawful and honorable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were intrusted in peace and honor to the Freemasons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to corvey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our Craft were good and our calling honorable we should not have lasted so many

centuries, nor should we have been honored with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We have assembled here to-day in the presence of you all to build a house, which we pray God may deserve to prosper, by becoming a place of concourse for good men, and promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world till time shall be no more.

Response: So mote it be.

After the response the G.: D.: C.: requested the brethren (in keeping with a time honored custom) to pass around the stone and place it their offering.

After the offering the Grand Master continued:

Brethren, the work is done! In the deep foundation of this structure you have placed your memorial. Here you have set up the pillars of your faith in enduring stone. The generations yet to come will gaze with pride upon this noble pile, and under its secure shelter prosecute the glorious mission which Masonry has entrusted to their keeping. Your labors will not be forgotten. They will recall, with proud and glowing retrospect, the memory of this day. They will pay due homage to the loyal faith, the loving interest and the deathless attachment which you held to the great work of Masonry, and which prompted you thus to lay, broad and deep, the imperishable foundations of a Temple, which, while it should be one of the most conspicuous adornments of your city, should also serve as a perpetual record of that faith, which, in all ages and in all countries has, in its "outward visible form," illustrated itself to the world in all the grand triumphs of architectural glory, as, in the manifestations of its inner life, it has been the pioneer in the vanguard of civilization, charity, peace, brotherly kindness and good will to men. If ever the light burns dim upon our altars, or the hearts of the faithful fail them, "because of fear;" if the doubter and skeptic ask "Thy Fathers, where are they?" then shall this Masonic Temple answer: "The same faith that animated their hearts still survives in their descendants. This goodly Tabernacle, which the ancient craftsmen builded, yet stands in pristine strength and beauty, a sacred heritage, to be sacredly guarded and preserved by us and by those who come after us. So evermore shall the full remembrance of our brethren yet to be preserve our memory green."

There is no eternity to matter. The adamantine walls of earth themselves must crumble into dust; and no work of man's hand can withstand the silent tooth of time. The mighty monuments of the forgotten past reveal themselves to us only in dim traditions or in almost indis-

tinguishable fragments, puzzling the lore of the antiquary and baffling the light of science. They leave us like the mariners on a wrecking midnight sea, looking—and oh! how hopelessly—for the coming light. But principles are all invulnerable, and immortal all. They are but emanations of the eternal god—sparks from the eternal fire—drops from the everflowing river of immortal life. Like the deathless source from which they sprang, they also must claim the high prerogatives of immortality. So, brethren, with the inner life of Masonry. It can not die. Its temples may totter to the dust, and its visible tokens be utterly lost, but it will survive. Its spirit is the spirit of the "All Working Good"—its work is the practical embodiment of All-working benevolence—its mission on this earth is but the reflection and exemplification of that divinest of all virtues—Charity!

Upon a solid foundation we have laid this memorial stone. It hides from mortal eyes, (we hope for ages yet to come), in its safe and silent tomb, the records of this day. In all its appointments, and with all the glory of its architectural design, this proud temple shall rise to its lofty roof, a fitting and noble testimonial to the devotion of the Masons of our Province. But there must be *something*, brethren underneath that stone, and underneath the foundation which supports it, deeper than all this, or the building will not stand. The master builder may perform his task never so well; the apprentices and craftsmen may labor in due subordination to the authority of the masters; the Masonic walls may rise in all their solid strength to Heaven; the costly jewels of all our work may adorn its various chambers; the fires may be lighted upon its inner altars; the entrances may be well and duly guarded; but all will be in vain, unless there is a deeper, surer, and more stable foundation than that on which this Corner Stone reposes. What is that nether stone? What is that upon which a *true* Temple to Masonry must be built? Ah! Brethren, it is the deep, underlying, imperishable foundation of Masonic love, and Masonic unity. With that beneath the material foundation, this Temple is indeed secure and indestructible. The solid foundations of the globe had need of no more permanent corner stone than that structure under whose deep bases repose Truth, Charity and Brotherly Love.

One prayer, one spontaneous aspiration is a fitting conclusion to the hour. Oh Temple, planned with the cunning skill of laborious art, rise in all thy majesty and beauty towards the skies! May thy walls be strength and all thy tabernacles peace! May the votaries who shall enter thy sacred porches, find evermore therein repose, refreshment, peace! May the light of thy sacred altars burn ever like a star! May the "stranger and sojourner in the land" ever enjoy the blessings of thy welcome and

thy shelter; and when the hour of thy decay and dissolution crumbles thee to earth, may there be found thousands of faithful and devoted hearts to raise thee from thy ashes with renewed splendor and more enduring life! So mote it be.

The Grand Chaplain then offered the following prayer.

Blessed be the Lord that hath given rest unto His people. The Lord our God be with *us*, He was with our *fathers*; let Him not leave us, or forsake us; that He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments, which He has commanded.

Response: Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, good-will towards men.

Benediction:—

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons! May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.

Response: So mote it be. Amen.

The Grand Marshal reformed the procession and returned to the Hall.

The special business of the convocation having been completed, the Grand Lodge was closed IN AMPLE FORM. The Grand Lodge officers and visiting brethren were entertained in a sumptuous manner by Union Lodge.



Proceedings

AT THE

CEREMONY OF UNVEILING

THE

MONUMENT

ERECTED TO THE MEMORY OF

Our Late Brother Samuel Hudson,

OF

Ashlar Lodge, No. 2.

Committee of Arrangements.

W. B. BRO. MARCUS WOLFE, W. M.

R. W. BRO. MARK BATE,

W. B. BRO. JOHN MAHRE,

W. B. BRO. RALPH CRAIG,

OF ASHLAR LODGE, NO. 3, NANAIMO, B. C.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
M.W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

HELD AT

Nanaimo, in the Hall of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.

MAY 5th, 1888.

The Grand Lodge was opened IN AMPLE FORM at 2 p. m. by the M.: W.: Grand Master A. R. Milne, who announced the purpose of the Emergency Communication, in consonance with the invitation of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, and called upon the Grand Marshal who formed the procession in due form.

The head of the procession having arrived at the objective point, the brethren halted, opened to the right and left and uncovered. The Grand Master and his officers passed through the lines to the platform. The rest of the brethren surrounded the platform (inside the circle of spectators) forming a hollow square.

The Grand Master was seated in front of the centre of the platform, immediately surrounded by the principal officers of the Lodge. Upon a table before him were deposited by their several bearers, the Holy Writings, the Book of Con-

stitutions, the golden vessel of Corn, the silver vessels containing Wine and Oil, the great lights, the Five Orders of Architecture and the Working Tools.

All being properly arranged, appropriate music was played, and the following was sung:—

Hymn.

Air—America.

I.

Father of Heaven and earth,
In whom all power hath birth,
Thy name we call!
And from our hearts Thy praise
In grateful songs we raise
For Thine abounding grace,
Which crowneth all.

II.

Thy blessing, God of Love,
Send down from Heaven above
Our work upon.
This corner square is laid,
This corner plumb is made,
With strength and beauty stayed
Like fanes long gone.

III.

Corn, Wine and Oil we pour,
Great God, this corner o'er,
And look to Thee
That all our work be blest;
And ever may it rest,
Till, o'er the east and west,
All earth is free.

THE GRAND MASTER :—

From time immemorial it has been the custom of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, when requested so to do, to lay, with ancient forms, the corner stones of buildings to be erected for the worship of God, for charitable objects, for the purposes of the administration of justice and free government, and to consecrate such public monuments as are of patriotic and common interest.

This Monument, therefore, we now consecrate in accordance with our law, thus testifying our respect for our departed Brother, and our appreciation of the noble dead whose released spirit, we believe, now hovers near, we shall proceed in accordance with ancient usage.

And as the first duty of Masons, in any undertaking, is to invoke the blessing of the Great Architect upon their work, we will now unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace, after he has read a lesson from the Scriptures.

Lesson

The Lord is in His Holy Temple. The Lord's throne is in the Heavens.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary; who is so great a God as our God?

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Thou, O Lord, shalt endure forever, and Thy remembrance unto all generations.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined.

For, behold! I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Thy servants therefore take pleasure in her stones, and favor the dust thereof.

And are as lively stones, built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable unto God.

Oh, come, then, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Wherefore, blessed be Thou, O Lord God.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the Heavens and in the earth is Thine: Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head over all.

Prayer.

Supreme Architect of the Universe, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, whose property is always to have mercy; who, by an omnific fiat caused the fair fabric of the universe to spring into existence, and by whom all things are upheld, we, a part of the broken family of Adam, would present ourselves before Thee on this solemn occasion and acknowledge Thee as the God of the dead as well as the living, and pray that whilst Thou art beholding worlds infinite play beneath Thee, that Thou wouldst look down from Thy lofty habitation upon us who have assembled here for the purpose of unveiling a monument that has been erected by the Masonic Fraternity of this Jurisdiction to the memory of a dear departed Brother, as a token, however small, of our love for him who sleeps at its base; and we pray that Thou wouldst unveil Thy face to us who mourn our loss of one so dear to us. May no accident befall this monument whose spire points to that Heaven where we hope our beloved Brother has gone; and we beg we may meet him again. May his sleep be undisturbed; and the Brotherhood say in their hearts, Thy will be done, our Father!

And we thank Thee, who art the source of all good, who didst put into the hearts of Thy people to bear good will to man, and through man to honor Thee, and not only to work, man by man, for their fellows, but to unite together in a covenant—even the Masonic covenant—that they might do more good, and do it better than by personal labor alone. We thank Thee that Thou hast blessed the Institution of Freemasonry so abundantly, in giving her so many who have bound themselves together as a Society, to be a friendly aid to each other, and hast raised up individuals who, in the life of Thy holy religion, have been lights in the world, and, in the practice of our rites and rules, have been true exponents of our principles, and, by their example, have shown us that the way to honor is open to all who put their trust in Thee, and who by gaining knowledge, by action and faithful labor, and by a strict adherence

to the tenets of our Masonic profession, make themselves worthy. And we thank Thee that Thou hast put in the hearts of the Masonic Fraternity of this Jurisdiction to raise this monument to the memory of our worthy Brother, that, while his virtues may be on perpetual record, all of us may be encouraged to walk in that path of life which Thou hast marked out as the way to honor with Thee and with man; so that, when our labors on earth are done and our past life is as an unit, examined by man, we may be found worthy to be held in honor as servants who have well done and as truly live in the memory and the hearts of those we leave behind, to whom, in testimony of our love and esteem, we, as the Grand Lodge of Masons, have raised this monument.

Grant, Heavenly Father, that our hearts may be solemnized by the occasion which has brought us into this receptacle of Thee, and that we be caused to remember our own mortality and our accountability to Thee for the use of our life and its blessings, and the uncertainty of the hour when we shall be called into Thy presence to answer for the deeds done in the body.

In the faith of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, Whose strength is our strength, and Who hath brought Life and Immortality to light, may we go on our earthly journey, hoping once again to be united in a world where they who meet shall never part. Forgive our transgressions, aid us in our duties; comfort us in our sorrows; and take us at last unto Thy eternal rest.

Response—Amen; so mote it be. Amen.

Exercises.

GRAND MASTER—R.: W.: S.: G.: W.: The Grand Lodge having assembled for the purpose of unveiling this Monument erected to the memory of our late Brother Samuel Hudson, it is my order that we now proceed to the performance of that important ceremony. This, my will and pleasure you will communicate to the R.: W.: J.: G.: W.:, that all having due notice, may govern themselves accordingly.

SR. GRAND WARDEN—R.: W.: J.: G.: W.: It is the order of the M.: W.: Grand Master that this monument, erected to the memory of Brother Samuel Hudson, be unveiled with Masonic ceremonies. This you will proclaim to all present, that the occasion may be observed with due order and solemnity.

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JR. GRAND WARDEN—Brethren and all who are present:

Take notice, that the M.: W.: G.: M.: of Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, will unveil this Monument erected to the memory of our late Brother Samuel Hudson, with Masonic honors. You will observe the order and decorum becoming the important and solemn ceremonies in which we are about to engage.

Hymn.

AIR—Pleyel's Hymn.

I.

Clay to clay and dust to dust!
Let them mingle—for they must;
Give to earth the earthly clod,
For the spirit's fled to God.

II.

Nevermore shall midnight's damp
Darken round this mortal lamp;
Nevermore shall noonday's glance
Search this mortal countenance.

III.

Look aloft. The spirit's risen—
Death cannot the soul imprison;
'Tis in heaven that spirits dwell,
Glorious, though invisible.

IV.

Thither let us turn our view;
Peace is there, and comfort too;
There shall those we love be found
Tracing joy's eternal round.

Grand Master:

Brother Grand Superintendent of Works, have you faithfully completed the work entrusted to your care by the Grand Lodge?

Grand Superintendent of Works:—

I have Most Worshipful Grand Master, and it is with heartfelt pride and gratification that I now return, through you, to the Most Worshipful

Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the implements of architecture with which it was their pleasure to invest me, and now, having completed the work, it gives me pleasure to say, if we have used them to your satisfaction, and the work is approved, we, and those whom you associated with us, will have earned a reward which no time can efface, and which is only commensurate with the great love and veneration we bear the dead, to whose memory we have humbly endeavored to erect this Monument to your satisfaction.

Grand Master—

I receive with proud gratification the implements of architecture with which you were invested by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and with which you have accomplished a work in a measure so satisfactory and pleasing to this Grand Lodge, and I will now proceed, with the aid of my officers, to test the same.

The Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Past Grand Masters then approached the pedestal of the monument, and having inspected and tested it, resumed their stations.

GRAND MASTER—Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master: What is the proper jewel of your office?

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER—The Square.

GRAND MASTER—Have you applied the Square to those parts of the stone that should be square?

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER—I have Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Craftsmen have done their duty.

GRAND MASTER—Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden: What is the proper jewel of your office?

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN—The Level.

GRAND MASTER—Have you applied the Level to the stone?

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN—I have Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Craftsmen have done their duty.

GRAND MASTER—Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden: What is the proper jewel of your office?

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN—The Plumb.

GRAND MASTER—Have you applied the Plumb to the several edges of the Stone?

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN—I have, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Craftsmen have done their duty.

GRAND MASTER—Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters: Is the Foundation-stone well formed, true and trusty?

MOST WORSHIPFUL PAST GRAND MASTERS—We find this Foundation stone well formed, true and trusty, and may this undertaking be conducted and completed by the Craftsmen in Peace, Love and Harmony.

GRAND MASTER—Having full confidence in your skill in the Royal Art, it remains with me, now, to finish the work.

The Grand Master then gave three knocks upon the Stone, saying—
 “Know all of you who hear me: We proclaim ourselves free and lawful Masons, true to the laws of our country, professing to fear God, and confer benefits on mankind. We practice universal beneficence towards all. We have secrets concealed from the eyes of men which may not be revealed to any but Masons, and which no cowan has yet discovered; they are, however, lawful and honorable. Unless our Craft was good and our calling honorable, these secrets would not have existed for so many generations, nor should we have had so many illustrious personages as brethren of our order, always ready to sanction our proceedings and contribute to our welfare. We are assembled in the broad face of open day, under the canopy of heaven to unveil this Monument, erected by the Masonic Fraternity to the memory of Brother Samuel Hudson, a member of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, who so nobly fell while endeavoring to succor the victims of the explosion in the Vancouver colliery.

Here we raise the stone completed
 By the willing workman's hand,
 Telling of the love, deep-seated,
 In our wide Fraternal band
 For a Brother gone before us,
 To the far-off silent shore.
 Father, let thy blessing on us
 Rest; and keep us evermore.

The Deputy Grand Master then received from the Grand Director of Ceremonies the Cornucopia containing corn, and spread the corn upon the stone, saying:—

May the health of the people employed in this undertaking be preserved to them, and may the Supreme Grand Architect bless and prosper their labors.

When once of old, in Israel,
 Our early brethren wrought with toil,
 Jehovah's blessing on them fell
 In showers of CORN and WINE and OIL.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies then presented the Senior Grand Warden the cup of Wine, who poured it upon the stone, saying;—

May plenty be showered down on the people of this City, and may the blessings of the Bounteous Giver of All Things attend all their philanthropic undertakings.

When there a shrine to Him alone
They built, with worship sin to foil,
On threshold and on corner-stone
They poured on CORN and WINE and OIL.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies presented the cup of Oil to the Junior Grand Warden, who poured it upon the stone saying:—

May the Supreme Ruler of the world pre-serve this people in Peace and vouchsafe to them the enjoyment of every blessing.

And we have come fraternal bands,
With joy and pride and prosperous spoil,
To honor Him by votive bands
With streams of Corn and Wine and Oil.

Grand Master—May Corn, Wine and Oil, and all the necessities of life abound among men throughout the world; may the blessing of Almighty God be upon this undertaking, and may the structure here erected be preserved to the latest ages, in order that it may serve as an enduring memorial to our deceased Brother and as a continuing lesson to the youth of our province to emulate his heroism and worth.

R.: W.: S.: G.: W.: It is my order that this monument be now unveiled with honors. This you will communicate to the R.: W.: J.: G.: W.: that all having due notice, may govern themselves accordingly.

Sr. Grand Warden—R.: W.: J.: G.: W.: It is the order of the M.: W.: G.: M.: that this monument be now unveiled with honors. This you will proclaim to all present, that having due notice, they may govern themselves accordingly.

Jr. Grand Warden—Brethren and all who are present:

The M.: W.: G.: M.: is about to unveil this monument with Masonic Honors. Take due notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.

Immediately after which the veil fell from the monument.

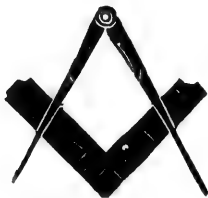
The Most Worshipful Grand Master then said:

Brethren assist me in giving the Grand Honors.

The Brethren repeated with the Grand Master the following words, accompanied by the Grand Honors.

His spirit to God; his memory in our hearts; his body to the earth.

Music.



ADDRESS

OF

M. W. Grand Master A. R. Milne

AT

NANAIMO, B. C., MAY 5TH, 1888.



Brethren and Friends—The ceremonies we perform this day are not unmeaning rites, nor the amusing pageants of an idle hour. We assemble to dwell in pensive reflection on the virtues, to record the worth, and to give vent to our unaffected sorrow at the loss of one whom we loved while living, and whose memory we cherish.

Beneath this monument lies the body of Brother Samuel Hudson, a member of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, late a native of Durham, England, aged 34 years, who nobly sacrificed his life in the attempt to rescue the miners who were entombed in the mine on the night of the explosion, which occurred on the 3rd day of May, 1887.

Hearing of the disaster, he hastened in from Wellington, and with others formed a search and rescue party, went down the burning mine and venturing too far from the air, was caught and suffocated by the deadly after damp. He was brought to the surface, but all efforts that human hands and fraternal endeavor could do, proved unavailing—his noble spirit had returned to its Maker, there to receive its reward. One year ago your citizens drank deeply of the cup of sorrow and quaffed its bitter draught to its very dregs. Deep was the sorrow and heavy the gloom that fell upon this fair land, when the wires spread the news of the great calamity that had befallen you—that so suddenly, without a moment's warning, had overwhelmed in death so many of your bravest and honored citizens.

We gather here to day not to display our regalia or to dazzle the eye

with a glittering host; we come not simply to repeat our ritual or exhibit our forms, but in the broad face of day to perform our solemn duty to the honored memory of our departed Brother.

Masonry teaches and commends the practice of every virtue, the possession of every heroic attribute, that her votaries may be truest and noblest in the land.

Our dead are not forgotten; the memory of them shall not perish. We this day consecrate this monument under auspicious circumstances as a perpetual memorial of our heroic dead. The Institution which I have the honor to officially represent places upon this structure its garland of sympathy, gratitude and honor, "with the pomp of ancient rite and ceremony." It bestows upon this material symbol of devotion, fortitude and sacrifice, its consecration and benediction. May the monument here stand completed without accident, be a credit to your city, and a lasting symbol of heroic deeds. May it stand harmed by no bolt from the heavens, torn by no devastating gale, shaken by no earthquake, while generations come and go, impressed in their passing with the heroism of yesterday and the gratitude of to-day. May it stand and become a centre of interest and of local pride, a monument indeed, to the generosity, wisdom and gratitude of the living, and to the devotion and sacrifice of the dead.

It is meet that we should commemorate the virtues of our dead. It is proper that the living should know that a tribute is due and is paid to those who have been worthy, but are yet voiceless to demand it. It is right that the actors in the grand drama of life, should feel and recognize that after these strange, eventful scenes are over, that those who witnessed the play do render their plaudits to him who has performed his part well. Who that believes in the immortality of the soul, who that has faith in the bright, better world, who that looks beyond the horizon of time to a re-union with the good and the pure, does not value such a tribute, and aspire, by his devotion to charity and love of humanity, to such a crown upon the efforts of his life? What good man desires to be forgotten?

Believe me, my brothers, this is the unseen logic of our mystic Brotherhood, and is the silent counsellor of all that is good and fraternal in our actions. The Mason who is thoroughly imbued with the teachings of our Order loves not only his brother, but mankind. His designs are not alone for self and fellow-craftsmen, but for all who worship in God's temple. And in the successful structure of his work he looks beyond its present beauty into the far-off coming time, with confident hope that through the continued works of faith and charity one universal Brotherhood shall prevail, acknowledging with one acclaim the

wisdom, beauty and strength of the designs of the Supreme Architect. To that end is his labor, so that when his prescribed work is done he is ready to meet his Master, contented to leave with his brethren the merit of his Craft and the measure of his work. Such a Mason fears not death.

What is death? He is the messenger who comes to check life in its pride, to stay its joys, to bridle its ambition, to mark the progress of its ages, and to number its sacrifices to neglect and crime. He is the herald who proclaims that whilst pleasure and affection have an end, yet there are limits beyond which wrong and oppression cannot go. He is the monitor who teaches that whilst earth is full of sorrow, yet under his yoke, those who would know the realms of eternal happiness must pass. We, as individuals, recognize in this messenger one who comes to rob us of parent, child, loved ones and friends, who comes to clothe the living in sable and bathe them in tears, to create the widow and orphan, and to swell the ranks of the needy and helpless, with grief and sorrow following in its train, and weeping and mourning in his footsteps. Let but his mark appear upon the lintel of our doors, and it doth give dreadful pause to all the resolves and purposes of life.

And yet he comes and removes our dear ones, and we number them with the dead. But should we sorrow as though this were the end of those we had loved? as if his coming was dissolution? as if there was no more of life? Such, brethren, is not our faith; ours is rather the faith of him who sang:

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven's jewelled crown
They shine forevermore.

It is said that every word spoken and every deed done is recorded. Without now speaking of the volume to be opened in the great hereafter, when eternal life is given to see and hear it, yet may we not ask if the record is not here in this life seen and read? Do not the

Lives of good men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time?

Our last honors are now paid to the dead, but the life he left us is here to admonish us by its speech that want and suffering have not died; that the widow and the orphan remain; that man hath yet need for charity; that oppression and wrong doth yet hold their carnivals; that the vigils of liberty and right doth yet demand the constancy of their watchman.

Proceedings

AT THE

CEREMONY OF DEDICATION

OF THE

MASONIC TEMPLE

OF

Union Lodge, No. 9,

New Westminster,

B. C.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION
OF THE
M.: W.: Grand Lodge of British Columbia

HELD AT
The Hall of Union Lodge, No. 9.

New Westminster,

On Saturday, June 23rd, 1888.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form at 1:30 p. m. by the M.: W.: Grand Master, A. R. Milne, who, having announced the object of the Communication, viz.: to dedicate the new Temple, erected by Union Lodge, No. 9, to the purposes of Freemasonry, called upon the Grand Marshal to form the procession in due form and proceed to the Temple about to be dedicated. On arrival at the building, the Grand Master having taken the Chair, a representation of a Lodge, borne by four Past Masters, was placed in the centre of the room, and the three Great Lights, with the Gold and Silver Vessels, containing Corn, Wine and Oil, were disposed in their proper places round the altar, the brethren then marched in procession three times around the Lodge, and sang the following anthem :

AIR—AMERICA.

1. Thou who art God alone,
Accept, before Thy throne,
Our fervent prayer
To fill with light and grace
This house, Thy dwelling place,
And bless Thy chosen race
Oh, Lord, draw near.
2. As through the universe
All Nature's works diverse
Thy praise accord,
Let Faith upon us shine,
And Charity combine
With Hope to make us thine,
Jehovah, Lord !
3. Spirit of Truth and Love,
Descending from above,
Our hearts inflame,
Till Masonry's control
Shall build in one the whole
A temple of the soul
To Thy great name.

The Grand Master then briefly announced the occasion of the assemblage, and the general purpose of the Masonic dedication of Halls.

The Master of the Lodge approaching the East, addressed the Grand Master, as follows :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER : The Brethren of Union Lodge, No. 9, being animated with a desire to promote the honor and interest of the Craft, have erected and furnished this hall for their convenience and accommodation. They are desirous that the same should be examined by the M.: W.: Grand Master ; and, if it should meet his approbation, that it should be solemnly dedicated to Masonic purposes, agreeably to ancient form and usage.

The Grand Master :

WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND BRETHREN : I accept with pleasure the important and interesting duty which you request of me, and which our laws recognize as necessary. In doing so, I take this occasion to express to our brethren of Union Lodge, No. 9, our hearty appreciation of the enterprising spirit which actuated them in the erection of a structure

alike creditable to our ancient Order, and an ornament to this growing city, but in accordance with the teachings of our institution, it is our duty, before entering upon any undertaking, to invoke the blessing of God. We will, therefore, unite with our Grand Chaplain in an address to the Throne of Grace.

The Grand Master called up the brethren. The Grand Chaplain offered the following

PRAYER.

O Thou Great and eternal Lord God ! source of light and love ! The Supreme Grand Master and Mighty Architect of the Wonders of creation, who from Thy Throne in the Highest Heaven, in mercy looks down upon all the dwellers on earth, lend, we beseech Thee, Thine ears to the prayers and petitions of Thy children now assembled in Thy presence, to teach the mysteries of that sublime edifice which is erected and dedicated to Thy most holy and glorious name. Pour upon us, and all the members of the Mystic Craft throughout the world, the rich blessings of Thy Providence. Give us strength to overcome temptations, to subdue our passions, and to practice virtue. Fill our hearts with fear without desolation ; with confidence without presumption ; with piety without illusion ; and with tender affection for Thy Divine goodness, and love for our neighbors ; make us faithful to our friends and charitable to our enemies. Dispose our hearts, O Thou God eternal, to receive the splendid impressions of religion and humanity ; and direct our footsteps in the bright paths of virtue. Let all our actions prove to mankind that our lives are sincerely dedicated to Thee, our God, and to the relief of our fellow creatures. And, finally, when we yield up our breath to Thee, the source of life, may we, bearing the rich harvest of good actions, be admitted into that sublime and eternal Lodge, where happiness reigns without alloy ; and, around the Throne of the Great Jehovah, we shall sing hallelujahs to His name.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible—the only wise God, be the kingdom, power and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Response—Amen, so mote it be.

The Grand Master then seated the brethren, when the Superintendent of Works who superintended the erection of the Hall, advanced to the front of the East, and addressed the Grand Master, as follows :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER : Having been intrusted with the duty of supervising and directing the workmen employed in the construction of this edifice, and having, to the best of my ability, accom-

plished the task assigned me, I now return my thanks for the appointment, and beg leave to return to you the implements committed to my care when the corner-stone of this structure was laid (presenting to the Grand Master the square, level and plumb), humbly hoping that the result of our labors will be crowned with your approbation and that of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge,

To which the Grand Master replied :

BROTHER SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS : The skill and ability displayed in the execution of the trust reposed in you at the commencement of this undertaking, have received the entire approbation of the Grand Lodge ; and they sincerely pray that this edifice may continue a lasting monument of the taste, spirit and liberality of its founders.

The Deputy Grand Master said :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER : The hall in which we are now assembled, and the plan upon which it is constructed having met with your approval it is the desire of the brethren that it should now be dedicated according to ancient form and usage.

The Grand Master replied as follows :

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL DEPUTY : Agreeably to the request of the brethren we will now proceed with the ceremonies. Brother Grand Marshal, you will form the Grand Officers in procession.

The following Dedication Ode was then sung :

HYMN AT DEDICATION.

(AIR—Pleyel's Hymn.)

SUPREME Grand Master ! most sublime !
High thron'd in Glory's radiant clime ;
Behold thy sons on bended knee,
Conven'd, O God, to worship Thee!

And as 'tis Thine with open ear,
The suppliant voice to hear,
Grant thou, O Lord, this one request,
Let Masons be, in blessing, blest.

O! give the craft, from pole to pole,
The feeling heart, the pitying soul,
The generous breast, the lib'ral hand,
Compassion's balm, and mercy's brand.

With charity that pours around,
The wine and oil on mls'ry's wound ;
And heals the widow's, orphan's heart,
Deep pierced by sorrow's venom'd dart.

Then to Thy throne the craft shall raise
 One deathless song of grateful praise;
 And, Masons, men in chorus join.
 To hymn the power of love divine.

The Grand Marshal formed the Grand Officers in single file on the north side of the hall, facing East, in the following order :

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

A PAST MASTER,
 (with a light.)

GRAND STEWARDS WITH RODS.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

GRAND ORGANIST.

TWO PAST MASTERS.
 (each with a light)

GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

A PAST MASTER,
 (with the great lights.)

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.

GRAND STANDARD BEARER.

GRAND SECRETARY.

GRAND TREASURER.

GRAND CHAPLAIN.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.
 (carrying vessel of corn.)

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN,
 (carrying vessel of wine.)

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
 (carrying vessel of oil.)

JUNIOR GRAND DEACON, GRAND MASTER, SENIOR GRAND DEACON.

The procession moved around the symbol of the Lodge, passing East of the Altar; the symbol was slowly uncovered by the Grand Marshal, during which the first stanza of the Ode was sung :

AIR.—Old Hundred.

Genius of Masonry, descend,
 And with Thee bring Thy spotless name ;
 Constant our Sacred Rites attend,
 While we adore Thy peaceful reign.

When the Grand Master arrived at the East, the music ceased ; the procession halted, facing inward ; the Grand Officers knelt, while the Grand Chaplain offered the following

CONSECRATION PRAYER.

"Great Architect of the Universe ! Maker and Ruler of all the World ! deign, from Thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly ! We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this, and at all times, *wisdom* in all our doings, *strength* of mind in all our difficulties, and the *beauty* of harmony in all our undertakings. Permit us, O Thou Author of Light and Life, Great Source of Love and Happiness, to consecrate this Hall, and solemnly dedicate it to Thy honor and Thy Glory !"

RESPONSE.—"Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, good will toward men."

The Grand Officers then arose and moved around the symbol of the Lodge as before, during which the second stanza of the Ode was sung :

Bring with Thee *Virtue*, brightest maid ;
 Bring *Love*, bring *Truth*, bring Friendship here,
 While social *Mirth* shall lend her aid
 To smooth the wrinkled brow of *Care*.

When the Grand Master reached the East, the procession halted facing inwards, when the Junior Grand Warden advanced and presented the vessel of Corn, saying :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER : In the dedication of Masonic Halls, it has been of immemorial custom to pour Corn upon the Lodge as an emblem of nourishment. I, therefore, present to you this vessel of Corn, to be employed by you according to ancient usage.

The Grand Master then called up the brethren by striking the emblem thrice with his gavel, uncovered, and poured the Corn upon the emblem, saying :

In the name of the great Jehovah, to whom be all honor and glory, I do solemnly dedicate this Hall to Freemasonry.

THE PUBLIC GRAND HONORS were then given *once*. The Grand Master seated the brethren, when the procession moved around the emblem ; during which the third stanza was sung :

Bring *Charity* with goodness crowned ;
 Encircled in thy heavenly robe ;
 Diffuse Thy blessings all around,
 To every corner of the globe.

When the Grand Master reached the East, the Senior Grand Warden advanced and presented the vessel of Wine, saying :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER : Wine, the emblem of refreshment, having been used by our ancient brethren in the ceremonies of dedication and consecration, I present to you this vessel of Wine, to be used on the present occasion according to ancient Masonic form.

The Grand Master struck the emblem three times, and sprinkled the Wine upon the emblem, saying :

In the name of the Holy Saints John, I do solemnly dedicate this hall to Virtue.

THE PUBLIC GRAND HONORS were then given *twice*. The brethren were seated, and the procession moved around the emblem, during which the fourth stanza was sung :

To heaven's high Architect all praise,
 All praise, all gratitude be given,
 Who deigned the human soul to raise,
 By mystic secrets sprung from Heaven.

When the Grand Master arrived at the East, the Deputy Grand Master advanced, presenting the vessel of Wine, saying :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER : I present to you, to be used according to ancient custom, this vessel of oil, an emblem of that joy which should animate every bosom on the completion of any important undertaking.

The Grand Master struck the emblem three times, and sprinkled the Oil upon the emblem, saying :

In the name of the whole fraternity I do dedicate this Hall to Universal Benevolence.

THE PUBLIC GRAND HONORS were given *thrice*; when the Grand Chaplain advanced and made the following

INVOCATION.

And may the Lord, the giver of every good and perfect gift bless the brethren here assembled, in all their lawful undertakings, and grant to each one of them, in needful supply, the Corn of Nourishment, the Wine of Refreshment, and the Oil of Joy. Amen.

RESPONSE—So mote it be.

The Grand Marshal then slowly re-covered the emblem of the Lodge, accompanied by a strain of music; after which the Grand Master resumed his chair, and the other Grand Officers their respective stations. The Grand Marshal then made the following

PROCLAMATION.

By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I do hereby proclaim, that the Hall, in which we are now assembled, has been dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry in due and ancient form. All persons interested will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

ADDRESS OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER, A. R. MILNE.

BRETHREN :—It is with much pleasure that the Grand Officers join in the ceremonies of an occasion so auspicious to the interests and history of your Lodge.

Agreeably to your invitation, we have, in accordance with ancient form and usage, dedicated to Freemasonry these apartments which you have so wisely arranged for your accommodation, so tastefully and emblematically decorated, and so completely furnished. Let me impress upon you, my brethren, never to allow them, so long as they shall remain under your control, to be used for any other than the purposes to which they have been consecrated. Let them be your *sanctum sanctorum* whither you can resort and consult in friendship, harmony and peace.

These apartments we also dedicated to *Virtue*; and may virtue, moral and social, in its highest and purest sense, be possessed by each member of this Lodge, and characterize his daily walk.

Freemasonry aims to enliven the spirit of philanthropy and to promote charity. Hence we further dedicate this Temple to *Universal Benevolence*; to teach each brother to consecrate his affections and talents to the same great purpose; that while we should exhibit a fraternal and cordial affection towards those who are Masons, we should extend, also, our benevolent regards and sympathies to the whole family of man.

We congratulate you, my brethren of Union Lodge, upon your possession of this new and beautiful Temple, the finest and most complete

in this Province; this Masonic Home so admirably adapted to the convenience and necessities of your Lodge duties and associations. We commend your wisdom in its conception and plan, and your zeal in constructing, completing, ornamenting, and furnishing it. We recognize in its erection your devotion to Masonry, your fidelity to the interests of Union Lodge, and your allegiance to the Grand Lodge.

Having now this beautiful Temple as your possession, we trust that by practising the teachings of our noble Craft, obeying its charges and regulations, your unity as a lodge will strengthen your organization, and your deeds of charity, love and munificence abound. May this Temple be a home wherein shall dwell piety, virtue, and benevolence; wherein no contentions shall ever exist, save that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree. Inculcate earnestly the excellent tenets of our *Institution, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth*, and wear them as the brightest jewels that can adorn the character. Brethren, let this Temple be to you a refuge where you can find rest from care, sympathy in affliction, and strength for trial. At these doors let the tumult of the world cease. Here let the distractions of business, the rival interests of society, the dissensions of politics, fade away, and only the harmony of brotherhood prevail. The calm of Masonry holds its place and influence in our lives somewhat as the quiet of night is needed in the order of the universe. Let me exhort you my brethren, at this period of your Masonic life, to cherish a high ideal of the Masonic character, and to be content with none but the most faithful performance of Masonic duty. Give to the precepts of our Order the deep and sacred significance which belongs to them, and let them bear blessed fruits in your lives. Remember that through centuries they have won the love and reverence of the great and good men whose names are emblazoned upon the rolls of our Order, and have given to them that strength and support they were designed to impart, animating their virtue and encouraging them to every noble effort. So may it be with you; and may the light of Masonry so shine in your outward lives, that men may see that your Temple is the home of pure morality, large hearted charity and genuine brotherhood. May it thus be with you brethren of this Lodge; you have with commendable zeal and taste provided a new Masonic Home; erected here your Masonic Altar, and here invited those who are interested in your cause to share with you the happy auspices of your gathering. You have put your house in order, and dedicated it to high and holy purposes. See that those purposes are well fulfilled. Let this, then, be your epoch from which to date a generation of Masonic excellence. Let each one resolve to be more attentive, more active, more solicitous, to become not only a brighter but a better Mason. Follow

the radiance shed from the Great Light on your altar, and be conducted to that perfect day which shines forever.

THE BENEDICTION.

Blessed be the Lord that hath given rest unto His people. The Lord our God be with *us*, as He was with our *fathers*; let him not leave us, nor forsake us: that He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes, and His judgments, which He has commanded.

RESPONSE—Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, good-will toward men.

The Ceremony of Dedication being completed, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

A. Brown
Grand Secretary



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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia commenced its Seventeenth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of New Westminster, Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, on Saturday, the 23rd day of June, A. D. 1888, A. L. 5888, at the hour of 4 o'clock, p. m.

ROLL CALL.

Upon calling the roll there were found to be present the following

GRAND OFFICERS:

M.: W.: Bro. A. R. Milne.....Grand Master.
R.: W.: Bro. J. S. Clute.....Deputy Grand Master.
R.: W.: Bro. Dixie H. Ross.....Grand Senior Warden.
R.: W.: Bro. Henry Hoy.....Grand Junior Warden.

V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman	Grand Treasurer.
M. W. Bro. H. Brown	Acting Grand Secretary.
W. Bro. J. Piercy	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Bro. R. Craig	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Bro. W. A. Duncan	Grand Superintendent of Works.
W. Bro. A. McKeown	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
W. Bro. Sibree Clarke	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Bro. W. Manson	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. Bro. M. Wolfe	Grand Organist.
W. Bro. M. Moss	Grand Pursuivant.
W. Bro. T. Mowat	Grand Steward.
Bro. W. Trickey	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

M. W. Bro. Henry Brown	P. G. M.
R. W. " J. A. Grahame	P. D. G. M.
R. W. " R. B. Kelly	P. G. S. W.
R. W. " W. Stewart	P. G. J. W.
V. W. " M. W. Waitt	P. G. Treas.
V. W. " E. C. Neufelder	P. G. Secy.

With the representatives of eight chartered Lodges and the following Past Masters:

E. J. Salmon,	I. Oppenheimer,
G. Thompson,	C. N. Westwood,
J. Little,	W. Downie,
P. A. Allen,	E. P. Peck,
P. Grant,	J. Buie,
W. Howay,	J. Spiers,
W. H. Cooper,	T. Downie,

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

There were also present the Grand Representatives of the following M. W. Grand Lodges:

Arizona,	Bayreuth,	Connecticut,
Deleware,	Idaho,	Iowa,
Illinois,	Italy,	Oregon,
Ohio,	Pennsylvania,	Peru,
South Carolina,	Scotland,	Wyoming,
Washington Ter.		

The M.: W.: Grand Master appointed the following brethren to fill the places of absentees, *pro tempore*, viz:

R.: W.: Bro. W. H. Cooper.....Grand Chaplain
R.: W.: Bro. Stewart.....Grand Marshal.

The Grand Lodge was then opened in AMPLE FORM by the M.: W.: Grand Master of Masons in British Columbia, and proclamation duly made thereof, according to the established ceremonies:

ADMITTED TO GRAND LODGE.

The M.: W.: Grand Master then announced from the East that all Master Masons in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Lodge during the present session.

The M.: W.: Grand Master announced the following

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS:

Bro. M. Wolfe, W.: M.: Ashlar Lodge, No. 3
" W. W. Northcott..... " Victoria-Columbia, No. 1
" I. Oppenheimer..... P.: M.: Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2

COMMITTEE ON AUDIT.

Bro. T. Mowat..... W.: M.: Union No. 9
" S. Clarke..... P.: M.: Kamloops No. 10
" J. Piercy..... " Victoria-Columbia No. 1

The Grand Lodge was called off for fifteen minutes to allow the above Committees to perform their duties and report.

4:30 Grand Lodge at labour. Bro. H. Brown acting Grand Secretary, read the report of the Committee on credentials

June 23rd, 1888.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Credentials having discharged the duty assigned to them beg leave to report that they have examined the Certificates of Representatives and find the following entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, is represented by

W.: Master, W. W. Northcott,
S.: Warden, G. S. Russell,
J.: Warden, T. B. Pearson.

Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2, is represented by

W.: Master M. Moss,
Senior Warden M. Miller,
Bro. M. Moss, proxy for J.: W.:

Ashlar, No. 3, by

W.: Master M. Wolfe,
M. Wolfe proxy for S.: Warden.
J.: Warden, G. Thompson.

Cariboo, No. 4, by

E. C. Neufelder proxy for W.: M.:

Mount Hermon, No. 7, by

W.: Master B. Springer,
S.: W.: C. R. T. Garrioch,
I. Oppenheimer proxy for J.: W.:

Union Lodge No. 9 by

W.: Master T. Mowat,
S.: Warden J. D. Rae,
W. A. Duncan proxy for J.: W.:

Kamloops No. 10 by

S.: Warden B. Ridley.

Mountain No. 11 by

W.: Master T. Downey,
Bro. T. Downey proxy for S.: W.:
Rev. W. H. Cooper proxy for J.: W.:

MARCUS WOLFE,
WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
I. OPPENHEIMER,

Committee on Credentials.

H. BROWN, Acting Grand Secty.

Bro. P. Grant called the attention of the Grand Lodge to Clause 3 of Constitution and stated that the proxy for S. Warden of Cariboo Lodge was not eligible to hold said proxy, not being a past master.

On motion duly seconded the report was ordered to be amended by striking out the proxy for S. Warden of Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, and adopted as amended.

A letter of regret was read from Bro. Grahame W.: M.: of Kamloops No. 19.

On motion ordered to be received and filed.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS, 5887.

Resolved that the reading of the Journal of Proceedings of the last Annual Communication be dispensed with, a transcript in printed form having been distributed to the members of Grand Lodge and the several subordinate Lodges and that the minutes of the sixteenth Annual Communication be hereby confirmed and adopted as presented.

The M.: W.: Grand Master then delivered the following address:

ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

Another year, with its vicissitudes and changes, has passed away, and through the will and pleasure of our Supreme Grand Master permitting, in the enjoyment of his special presence and love, at the close of a year of peace, harmony and prosperity, and in compliance with the provisions of our *Constitution*, we have assembled around our sacred altar in this our Seventeenth Annual Communication, to consider the results of our labor, and to deliberate upon the important interests of our beloved Fraternity.

We meet under auspices the most cheering, under circumstances the most favoring; and it becomes us humbly and devoutly to acknowledge that protecting Providence which has upheld and sustained us—may we now and ever look to Him for support and guidance.

Brethren, in greeting you here to-day at the opening of this annual communication of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, I heartily congratulate you upon the peace and harmony which have reigned within our borders, as at no period in our history has the Grand Lodge convened under more favorable auspices; our venerable institution, indeed, shows no decrepitude, no sere or yellow leaves flutter on the old oak, but a perennial foliage beautifies and increases its majestic trunk, its branches spread further and wider with each revolving year.

It may not, however, be either needless or inconsiderate even at this period in the history of our Fraternity, now apparently so firm in its strength and solidity, and so marked by the always attractive features of growth and outward prosperity, that to the unpractised eye and the unreasoning mind, decay and decadence seem to be either impossible or postponed to a distant future, to reflect, nevertheless, upon the instability of whatever belongs to the sphere of mortality. The life of an institution, like the life of man, is hedged by limitations certain or uncertain. Our own cherished institution has, indeed, survived many distracting changes, many national and social revolutions, passing through almost the wreck of earth, but its character proclaims, at least, the capability of dissolution. A day will, perhaps, come, bright with the best glow of hope and fortune for mankind, when this Fraternity will have wrought such a beneficent work in the education of the race, that it may fold its arms and sink into a profound and peaceful slumber from which the exigencies of humanity will have no cause to waken it. But that day, if it shall ever arrive, will be a distant one, with the concerns of which it may not be profitable for this generation to busy itself. Our particular and practical concern is with our own day. We are to take the Institution as we have received it from our predecessors, wisely enlarge its scope and functions, improve its aims, broaden its organization and energies, expand and heighten its charities, preserve and secure its rituals and forms, and thus transmit it to our successors purer and better than we found it. If each generation of Masons shall accomplish a work like this, all care and anxiety as to the future life of the Institution may be thrown aside, for it will surely live as long as the affections, the hopes, the faith and the charity of man shall live to demand, receive, and spread its beneficence.

This day, my brethren, is peculiarly appropriate for us all to take a retrospect of the past year, and see what has been done amiss and en-

deavor to make amends by a more faithful discharge of our duties as men and Masons in the future. If we have visited the sick, the widow and orphan in their distress and alleviated their sufferings; if we have done good that good may grow out of it; if we have done or said anything for the advancement of our fellow beings; then, indeed, we have become more and more partakers of the elements and character of the Great Architect of the Universe. Time has been allotted us to so improve our minds that we may be better prepared to enjoy the rich rewards held in store for the pure, the good and true. Let us, therefore, improve upon the lessons of the past and the opportunities of the future.

As I assured you one year ago, so now I more deeply realize that I did not bring to the exalted office of Grand Master the eminent qualifications of my predecessors, but if my official acts shall merit your commendation I shall be especially gratified. My purpose has been honest, to assist in the promotion of Masonry, in the elevation of humanity, and in advancing the interests of this Grand Lodge. My aim has been, with your co-operation, to maintain the exalted position so continuously enjoyed by this Grand Body since its formation to this harmonious and prosperous present, that we might thereby transmit it, its constitutions, responsibilities, history, and its hopes to the opening future, a precious legacy to our successors.

STATE OF THE CRAFT.

It is with both pride and satisfaction that I am able to report to you that never since the organization of this Grand Lodge has the fraternity in British Columbia been more prosperous, and the reports which will be submitted to you will furnish grounds for encouragement and satisfaction. Within our jurisdiction all has been harmonious, we have no dissensions to report, no wounds to heal. Our brethren everywhere are zealously engaged in working together for the general good. Dissensions find no abiding place in our lodges, and in all the fulness and appropriateness of the spirit and teachings of the fraternity; our members meet, act and part. Our increase has been wonderful but healthy, our course onward and cheering. Lodges have been added to our brotherhood thus strengthening the tie which binds us to the cause of a universal philanthropy.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Our relations with sister Grand Lodges are of the most pleasant and fraternal character, and Masonic comity has characterized all our correspondence.

We have entered into exchange of representatives with some of our sister Grand Lodges, and requested the appointment of new representatives in place of some who have, since their appointment, died, demitted, or removed from the jurisdiction.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The year has passed without a diminution of officers of our Grand Lodge by death.

There is a tribute due to every departed brother who has fulfilled his Masonic relations with fidelity, however humble the position he may have occupied in the Fraternity. Many of our lodges have been called upon to perform the last sad office of the living to the dead, and to mourn the loss of some worthy and honored member of the fraternity. To all afflicted ones, to the widow and the fatherless, we tender our most sincere sympathy and expression of brotherly love. A full and complete list of our fraternal dead will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary, and memorial pages will be printed in the proceedings of the present session.

Since our last annual communication our esteemed Brother Jonathan Nutt, Past Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge and Past Master of Cariboo Lodge, No. 4, of our register, was called to his last home. He was a long and patient sufferer, ever faithful and zealous in the interests of Masonry. His early labors during the pioneer days of our Province will be ever remembered, and his memory cherished.

He died at the town of Yale, and by my order his remains were conveyed to the City of New Westminster under charge of the officers of Union Lodge, No. 9, who with affectionate regard laid his body to rest with Masonic honors. I directed that our Lodges should suitably drape their altars and furniture with appropriate badges of mourning.

It was my solemn duty to be present at the funeral of Brother Thomas F. Wilson which was conducted under the auspices of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, in January last. Brother Wilson was a Past Master of St. John's Lodge, Seattle, Washington Territory, and was commander of the American steamship "Olympian" plying daily between this port and ports on Puget Sound. In my business capacity I had almost daily intercourse with him and soon learned to appreciate his worth, he held Masoury in high esteem, and frequently visited our Lodges; his life was pure, his character unblemished, and the circumstances of his sudden demise were indeed sad. Without the slightest warning he dropped dead at his cabin door. He had previously expressed

his wish to be buried in "God's Acre," that beautiful spot Ross Bay Cemetery:—

"I like that ancient Saxon phrase
Which calls the burial place—God's Acre."

A large concourse of Brethren, including many from the neighbouring Territory, followed his remains to their last resting place.

HON. THOS. WHITE.

During my predecessor's term of office I had the pleasure of accompanying him with a delegation of the officers and members of Grand Lodge, to present an address to the Hon. Thos. White, Past Grand Master of Canada and Minister of the Interior Department. I shall ever remember his cordial reception and his impressive and eloquent reply to us, worthy of him as a statesman and a Mason. And it is with much sorrow that I have to announce to you his death. This sad event occurred at Ottawa on April 21st, 1888. He had served for many years in the principal offices in his Grand Lodge, and his eminent services to the craft fully entitled him to the distinction that was conferred upon him. He was an able writer and an eloquent speaker, of great ability and energy, and to the people of our Pacific Province his elevation to the dignity of a Minister of the Crown was especially hailed as a fitting testimony to his many accomplishments.

Another afflicting dispensation has fallen upon our Brethren at Nanaimo, being the explosion of the coal mine at North Wellington on the morning of the 25th January last. The circumstances of this sad calamity are well known to you all and our deepest sympathy goes out to our afflicted Brethren, and our prayer goes up to the throne of grace, "that He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb, be with the widow and the orphan in their distress." I know well my Brethren the promptings of your generous hearts, that when material aid is needed you will respond with that fullness of charity which has characterized your acts in times past, and it needs no word of mine to direct you to the path of duty.

REVISED CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution as passed at our annual communication has been printed as ordered, and has been distributed among the officers and members of the several Lodges.

You no doubt have had time and opportunity to examine the same. I regret to say that after careful examination I find that several unintentional errors have crept in, and some omissions which may hereafter lead to complication. This is unfortunate, as after four years of contin-

nous labor by the ablest Masonic Brethren in our jurisdiction, their efforts should have been a complete success.

This we are all aware occurred through circumstances over which the committee who undertook the work had no control, as it was passed into other hands before the final revision. I would recommend that Grand Lodge, as early as possible, cause these clauses that are defective to be remodeled and the omissions supplied so that there may not remain the slightest ambiguity.

DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

The following dispensations have been issued during the year:—

July 16th, 1887. To Kamloops Lodge, No. 10, to appear in public, clothed as Masons, for the purpose of attending divine service on 31st July.

March 7th, 1888.—To Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, to act upon the petition of William Edgar Perry Smith, R. N., in accordance with Sec. 131, 132, of our Constitution.

March 22nd, 1888. —To Union Lodge, No. 9, to meet in new building until dedication.

May 11th, 1888.—To Cascade Lodge, to meet under dispensation until their application for charter be granted as No. 12 on the register of this Grand Lodge. William Downie, Worshipful Master; J. W. Horne, Senior Warden; L. R. Johnson, Junior Warden.

June 20th, 1888.—To Spallumcheen Lodge to meet under dispensation until their application for charter be granted as No. 13 on the register of this Grand Lodge. William Henry Cooper, Worshipful Master; George Herbert Rashdall, Senior Warden; John Hamill, Junior Warden.

INSTALLATIONS.

On the 27th December, 1887, assisted by Past Grand Master Henry Brown and Grand Lodge Officers, I had the pleasure of installing the Officers elect of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2.

R. W. Brother Dixi H. Ross, who was elected Grand Senior Warden, but was prevented from being present at the annual session, was also installed, being the first opportunity suitable for the occasion. I took much pleasure in installing this worthy Brother, whose untiring zeal and eminent services to the craft have merited this mark of appreciation.

January 5th, 1888.—Attended by the officers of Grand Lodge I paid

an official visit to Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, and installed the officers elect. This visitation was the occasion of a happy re-union with the members of this the oldest Lodge in our jurisdiction. Our entertainment was one of those happy periods that will be ever fresh and green in my memory, and the recollection of that pleasant evening will be fondly remembered.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

On Saturday the 28th day of August last an emergent communication of Grand Lodge was convened at the hall of Union Lodge, No. 9, pursuant to the regular notice issued by the V. V. W. Grand Secretary to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the Masonic Temple in the City of New Westminster.

The ceremonies of the day were of more than usual interest, and were under the auspices of Union Lodge, No. 9.

The craft of New Westminster and the Committees did themselves great credit for the complete arrangements of the day which were carried out to perfection and without a single failure or disappointment in any of the details. The entire craft of this prosperous city united and worked together to make the occasion a grand success, and a very large number of people from the city and surrounding country were present to witness the ceremonies. During the services the Worshipful Master on behalf of the Lodge presented your servant with a very elegant and beautifully engraved silver trowel, which I shall ever treasure as a memento of one of the very pleasant episodes of my Masonic experience. The report of the proceedings of this Special Communication with letters and papers appertaining thereto are in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and will be submitted for your consideration.

The Grand Lodge was courteously invited to a splendid entertainment prepared for the occasion by the members of Union Lodge. The invitation was accepted, and the speeches made by the Brethren were of the most appropriate character, interspersed with music and singing, making the evening one of those events we will cherish with pleasant recollections.

On Saturday, the 5th of May, in response to an invitation from Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, I caused Grand Lodge to be convened in Special session at Nanaimo, for the purpose of performing the ceremony of unveiling the monument to our late Brother Samuel Hudson, who lost his life while endeavoring to succour the victims of the explosion in the Vancouver Colliery. The resolution on page 34 of our last proceed-

ings has been faithfully carried out, and I herewith transmit the report of the Committee appointed to carry out the project for your consideration.

The impressive ceremonies were of more than usual interest and the manner in which they were performed elicited general commendation, reflecting great credit on the Worshipful Master and Brethren of Ashlar Lodge; also, much praise is due to the ladies of Nanaimo for their kind assistance with music and singing. Our Brethren will long in memory cherish the kindly help rendered by them to make the solemn duty performed in the highest degree creditable to the craft.

The report of the proceedings of this emergent meeting with correspondence relating thereto, will also be submitted by the Grand Secretary.

LODGE CONSTITUTED.

On November 22nd, 1887, Worshipful Brother Sibree Clarke acting as my special deputy, assisted by the Rev. Canon Cooper, proceeded to Donald and constituted Mountain Lodge, No. 11, and installed its officers, and I would take this opportunity to return them my sincere thanks for the able and efficient manner they performed the duties assigned them on this occasion. The report of this constitution and installation by my special deputy will also be submitted.

SPECIAL COMMISSION.

On May 22nd I deputed the Right Reverend A. W. Sillitoe, Bishop of New Westminster, and Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain, to lay the corner stone of the Episcopal Church at Kamloops. This duty was duly performed.

The occasion was one of much pleasure and gratification to the Brethren of Kamloops Lodge.

I extend to our Reverend Brother my thanks on behalf of Grand Lodge for undertaking the long journey, and so successfully performing this important duty.

The report of my special deputy in regard to the same will be submitted by the Grand Secretary.

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS.

Accompanied by the officers of Grand Lodge I paid official visits to the following named Lodges:—

Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1;	
Vancouver-Quadra " " 2;	
Ashlar " " 3.	

In every instance my reception was of the warmest description and I had the pleasure of witnessing the work, and was gratified at the manner in which it was performed.

I would like to dwell at some length upon these visits but being unable to visit more Lodges through extreme press of business, I will not particularly mention any, sufficient to say that from personal observation and the reports of my special deputies, the work of the craft throughout our Province was never better done, nor the management of the Lodges in more competent hands. During my visitations my observations assured me that the representatives of this Grand Lodge are fittingly received, properly recognized, fraternally welcomed, hospitably entertained and every facility at the command of the Lodges extended for the accomplishment of their official duties. And standing within the consecrated Masonic homes of my Brethren, surrounded by faces expressive of cordial welcome to their representative, gratification at the prosperous condition of the craft, and pride in the Brotherhood, I wished no further evidence of their loyalty to the principles of our order, and the interest of the Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL DEPUTIES.

I appointed the following named skillful Brethren to report to me the state of the craft in their vicinity so that I might be enabled to lay the same before Grand Lodge:—

- R.: W.: Bro. Deputy G. Master John S. Clute, for Union Lodge, No. 9.
 " " Isaac Oppenheimer, for Mount Hermon, No. 7.
 " " Sibree Clarke, " Kamloops, No. 10.
 " " W. H. Cooper, " Mountain, No. 11.
 " " H. McDermott, " Cariboo, No. 4.
 " " Ralph Craig, " Ashlar, No. 3.

The reports of each are now in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and will in due course be laid before you. All the reports are eminently satisfactory.

REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED.

I have named the following Brethren as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge:—

- R.: W.: Bro. Jno. S. Clute, for Wisconsin.
 W.: " Sibree Clarke, for Vermont.
 " " Marcus Wolfe, for Maine.
 " " Angus McKeon, for Tennessee.
 " " James Millar, for Nova Scotia.

COMMISSIONS RECEIVED.

The following commissions have been received and forwarded to the Brethren by the Grand Secretary.

R.: W.: Bro. Jno. S. Clute, for Wisconsin.
 W.: " Sibree Clarke for Vermont.
 " " Marcus Wolfe, for Maine.
 M.: W.: " A. R. Milne, for Michigan.
 " " " A. R. Milne, for Roumania.

NEW BY-LAWS APPROVED.

Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
 Mount Hermon " " 7.
 Mountain " " 11.

BY-LAWS AMENDED.

Kamloops Lodge, No. 10.
 Ashlar " " 3.

VISITORS FROM SISTER GRAND LODGES.

During last summer I was very much pleased to receive a call from Most Worshipful Thomas Clarke, of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and I regretted that his stay was not longer, so as to enable me to have an opportunity of showing him our consideration.

On the 13th January the venerable Mason, Dr. Rob. Morris, Masonic Poet Laureate, and Past Grand Master of Kentucky, visited Victoria and the Brethren honored him by holding a union meeting of Victoria-Columbia and Vancouver-Quadra Lodges. The meeting was a most enjoyable affair. Accompanied by Past Grand Master Henry Brown I had much pleasure in introducing our distinguished Brother and lecturer to the Brethren; he was accordingly received with the Grand honors. Before commencing his very able and instructive lecture he desired to give expression to his respect for our Grand Lodge, through me your representative, by a poem composed and inscribed to me as Grand Master,

Oh, what shall I ask for thee, dear Milne,
 When, on my knees in prayer,
 My heart goes up to the throne on high,
 And pleads for the friends most dear?
 Will lengthened life and freedom from strife,
 And wealth and health suffice?
 Then will I pray the gracious GOD
 Give these as a fitting prize.

And when the gavel shall fall, dear Milne,
 And death beclouds your eye,
 May hands reach down, unfailing and strong,
 And raise you to the sky !
 There good words spoken and good deeds done,
 And prayers for your fellow men,
 Are all recorded at the throne
 And all remembered then.

May He who gives you honor here,
 Amongst this noble Band,
 Grant that through Heaven's eternal year
 That honor still may stand !
 May stand, and spread the wide world through,
 Wherever the Craft are seen,
 That both in Heaven and here below
 Your memory may be green !

Bro. Morris recited many selections from his prose as well as his poems, his descriptive powers being of a high order, enchaining the attention of his audience. The lecture throughout was a most impressive one, and highly appreciated by the assembled Brethren.

Bro. Morris subsequently visited Nanaimo, Vancouver, New Westminster and all the Lodges in our jurisdiction on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Bro. Morris has promised to visit us again if his health will permit. May the Supreme Ruler of the Universe enable him to do so.

DECISIONS.

I have made but few decisions during the year to which it is necessary to call attention, the majority of questions being answered by a simple reference to our constitution and the established laws of the order.

First. Application to re-ballot for a candidate on account of supposed near-sightedness of a member casting his ballot. This was refused.

Second. Application to ballot for a candidate at an emergency meeting. This was refused.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

1. There is no law to prevent a Brother in good standing who is a member of a foreign Lodge, from affiliating with a Lodge in this jurisdiction, if he desires to do so, and the Lodge to which he applies is willing to receive him.

2. A Brother who is a Past Master of a Lodge under a foreign jurisdiction, and who affiliates with a Lodge in British Columbia is entitled to a seat and vote in the Grand Lodge, provided that his name and the name of the Lodge in which he formerly served as Master have been duly entered in the returns made to the Grand Secretary by the Lodge which has admitted him as a joining member.

3. That we do not recognize "dual membership" within this jurisdiction.

4. The performance of the solemn service required by Masonry over the remains of a Brother is Masonic labor, and the Lodge so engaged is *performing* Masonic labor, and must have *absolute* and complete control, and can not permit any but affiliated Masons in good standing to take part therein.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I ask you to confer the honorary rank of Past Senior Grand Warden on V. W. Bro. Edward C. Neufelder, who has retired from the position of Grand Secretary, and is about to leave the jurisdiction, the honorary rank which I recommend for you to consider is one that the Brother has merited in the highest degree.

The question has been frequently propounded to me "What shall we do with the Masons who are domiciled within our jurisdiction and are not connected with any of our Lodges, and do not contribute to the support of Masonry."

There is no doubt this important matter has been brought very forcibly home to our brethren since the completion of railway communication with the east. Numbers of Masons are now domiciled in this jurisdiction, whom we never know or hear of until sickness or distress comes upon them, or at times when they want to display their connection with us on public occasions; others again retain their membership with Lodges in other jurisdictions, where their dues are small, and where it appears their zeal for the institution is regulated somewhat by its cheapness, and when they need material aid are almost sure to call us to their assistance. And while we stand ever ready to help those who are found worthy, the fact must be born in mind that the expenses attending our charities are threefold greater than they are in the Eastern Provinces, and as a consequence sometimes heavy burdens are thrown upon our Lodges,—our experience in endeavoring to obtain some return from the Lodges of other jurisdictions, has not been encouraging. In fact I have yet to know of a single case where eastern lodges have made any effort to re-imburse our outlay to their members, either wholly or

in part, no matter how hard the circumstances of the particular case may be. Our membership in this jurisdiction is comparatively small, and our expenses are consequently heavy, which as you are aware is incidental to this new western country, and as charity commences at home, we have ample room to dispose of our funds for the benefit of members of our own household, without giving to those who do not fully appreciate our acts, and who in some cases have not the courtesy even to reply to our correspondence. In striking contrast has been our experience with the Pacific Coast States, and especially with California, that noble Masonic State, which is ever foremost to reciprocate our charities.

I am of the opinion that Masons, resident within our Province should contribute to the support of the institution in this jurisdiction, otherwise not expect to receive its benefits and privileges, and I would recommend the enactment of a regulation limiting the time, that voluntary non-affiliates with our Lodges, should be entitled to the privileges of Masonry.

CONCLUSION.

And now in terminating this report of my administration of the affairs of the high office which you confided to me, I desire to express my deep sense of the obligations due to the officers of Grand Lodge for the very faithful manner in which they have executed their important duties. Especially would I thank the R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master and the V.: W.: Grand Secretary and other Grand Officers who have accompanied me in my visitations, and who have rendered invaluable service to the craft; also to my Special Deputies for their diligence and zeal. I am grateful to the officers and members of Lodges in different parts of our Province for innumerable acts of courtesy and kindness, the remembrance of which is no small recompense for any labor I have incurred.

Although my official acts have been few and my official superintendence and visitation have been much less than I had purposed, I find the craft now in good condition.

In conclusion and before surrendering the high trust committed to my keeping, allow me to return my grateful acknowledgment for the kindness and courtesies I have received at your hands. And before closing this address to you I would consider myself derelict of my duty did I not take this opportunity to express my deep sense of the obligations I am under for wise counsel and assistance from M.: W.: Past Grand Masters H. Brown, E. C. Baker, W. Dalby. May these Brethren never weary in well-doing.

And now may that God who protected our fathers in ages gone, who is our shield for the present and our hope for the future, guard and protect us in the work which we have undertaken until its consummation shall write the whole human family in our fraternal union.

ALEXANDER R. MILNE,
Grand Master.

On motion duly seconded it was resolved that the address of the M.: W.: Grand Master be referred to a special committee of three. The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master appointed on Committee

Bro. I. Oppenheimer,
" P. Grant,
" W. Duncan.

To the M.: W.: Grand Master, Wardens and Officers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the address of the M.: W.: Grand Master, beg leave to report as follows;

They note with satisfaction that there has been a material increase in the members of the Craft, and that several Lodges have been added to our roll during the past year.

It is also a matter for congratulation that our relations with sister Grand Bodies are of the most amicable nature.

They agree with the M.: W.: Grand Master's remarks in reference to the several errors that have crept into the revised Constitution as printed, and trust that the Grand Lodge will carry his suggestions into effect at the earliest opportunity.

They note with pleasure that the M.: W.: Grand Lodges of Wisconsin, Vermont, Maine, Tennessee and Nova Scotia, have appointed representatives near this Grand Lodge.

It is with great pleasure they note that the M.: W.: Grand Master of Manitoba and Dr. Robert Morris, Masonic Poet Laureate—both eminent Masons—have paid a fraternal visit.

They hail with very great pleasure the request of the M.: W.: Grand Master that the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden be conferred on V.: W.: Bro. E. C. Neufelder, and strongly recommend the same.

The recommendation regarding non-affiliates, they would suggest be taken up by the Grand Lodge at an early date.

They find that the official labors of the M.: W.: Grand Master have been performed very satisfactorily, and will no doubt tend greatly to the advancement of Masonry in the Jurisdiction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. OPPENHEIMER,	} Committee.
PETER GRANT,	
W. A. DUNCAN,	

The R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master then read the following address:

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

In the ever merciful Providence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, we are again permitted to assemble in fraternal conclave, on this the Seventeenth Annual Communication of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and I most heartily congratulate the Brethren on the peace and harmony which has prevailed throughout its jurisdiction during the year just closed.

Our noble order has been advancing steadily with sure and cautious steps during the past decade, but I venture to say, that never in the history of this Grand Lodge has such advancement and material prosperity been achieved, as during the past year. New life seems to have been infused into the whole Order. New Lodges have been formed, Brethren in great numbers have been added to our fraternal band, and many worthy men, true, trusty, and of good report, who for causes best known, or only known to themselves, have for years kept aloof from us, have been knocking at our doors seeking and gaining admittance.

All these things, my brethren, are causes for thankfulness and congratulation ; but we must not relax our vigilance, or forget in our prosperity, to guard as closely the outer door of our privileges in the future, as we have done in the past.

On the 27th of August, I accompanied the M.: W.: Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers to the laying of the Corner Stone of the new Masonic Temple, in course of erection for Union Lodge, No. 9, New Westminster.

This, it is needless to say, was a very pleasant duty, Union No. 9 being my mother lodge. The Ceremonies passed off in a very pleasing

manner. In the evening the Brethren of The Mystic Tie met at a Banquet in the Skating Rink, where some hours of pleasant and social intercourse were passed.

It was my privilege to visit Union Lodge, No. 9, accompanied by R.: W.: Bro. Henry Hoy, Grand Junior Warden, and W.: Bro. John Buie, Acting Grand Senior Warden (*pro tem*), on the 27th of December, the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, for the purpose of installing the officers of that Lodge.

On the 16th of April, by special invitation from the officers and brethren, and accompanied by R.: W.: Bro. Henry Hoy, Grand Junior Warden, W.: Bro. W. A. Duncan, Grand Superintendent of Works, and W.: Bro. T. Mowat, Grand Steward, I made an official visit to Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, at Vancouver. We were received in the most cordial manner by Bro.: B. Springer, W.: M.: and his officers. The brethren made a fine turnout; the Lodge being filled to overflowing, fully one hundred brethren being present. We had the pleasure of witnessing the work of this Lodge in the Third Degree, and I must say the work was most creditably done.

After the labors of the evening closed, we were invited by the brethren to a Banquet at the "The Leland," where we did full justice to the inviting viands spread in profusion before us, and spent two very pleasant hours in social and brotherly intercourse.

It had been arranged that V.: W.: Bro. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Sillitoe, Grand Chaplain, was to be present, but unfortunately, and very much to his, and the disappointment of all, the train on which he was returning from a visit to the interior was delayed by an accident on the line, and he could not get to Vancouver in time.

On the 5th of May, I accompanied the M.: W.: Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge from Victoria to Nanaimo for the purpose of unveiling the Monument, erected by the Craft, to the memory of our late and much lamented Brother Samuel Hudson, who so heroically died in his efforts to rescue his fellow miners on the night of the fearful explosion in the Vancouver mine, May 3rd, 1887.

Too much credit cannot be given to the brethren forming the Committee of Arrangements on this occasion, nothing was lacking to make this Ceremony impressive and successful.

The Address of the M.: W.: Grand Master at the close of the Ceremony was most feeling and eloquent: and being clearly and forcibly

delivered, made a most marked and favorable impression on all within the sound of his voice.

In the evening the Grand Lodge made an official visit to Ashlar Lodge No. 3, where they were received by Bro. M. Wolff, W.: M.: his officers and the brethren, with the usual Masonic ceremonies. After the mutual interchange of fraternal greetings, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, when a candidate who was in waiting was received, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

It has never been my privilege to see the work in this degree better done, or the ritual more carefully carried out, than in this instance. Every part of this most beautiful degree was exemplified in the most masterly and painstaking manner, reflecting great credit on the W.: M.: Officers and Brethren of this Lodge.

On the retiring of the Candidate, the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, and on reaching the ante-room we found an elegant repast spread, of the kind for which our brethren of Nanaimo are noted, and it is needless to say full justice was meted out to the creature comforts so lavishly placed before us.

We have all, my Brethren, one universal cause for regret, as we enter again upon a new year in our Masonic life. One who has gone in and out amongst us for many years—one who has taken a most active part in all our councils and deliberations—one who has endeared himself to us by his many sterling qualities of both head and heart, and one who has ever been ready at all times to sacrifice his time, his talents, his convenience and himself, if need be, to the good of the Order, is about to leave us, to take up his abode under another flag and other Masonic Jurisdiction. I refer to V.: W.: Bro. E. C. Neufelder, Grand Secretary, who has decided to leave our fair province and make his home with our neighbours of the adjoining territory, and I am sure you will all join with me in regretting the loss we will sustain by the removal of this most worthy craftsman from this Grand Lodge and Jurisdiction, and in wishing him all success, happiness and prosperity in his new home.

I also notice with regret the absence from us at this time of the V.: W.: Grand Chaplain, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Sillitoe; this absence he regrets as much as we possibly can, as he had fully counted on being present at this Communication. Circumstances were such however that he had to go to England, and we, while regretting his absence, may wish him a prosperous voyage, a successful mission and a speedy return.

In closing I wish to thank you, my Brethren, for the universal kindness and courtesy you have so generously extended to me during the past

year. Our fraternal intercourse has been at all times of the most pleasant nature, and I can truthfully say that the pleasing recollections of this Masonic year will linger long in my heart, and never fade.

JNO. S. CLUTE,
Deputy Grand Master.

New Westminster, B. C.,
June 23rd, 1888, A. L. 5888.

On motion duly seconded it was resolved that the Deputy Grand Master's address be referred to a special committee of three. The M.: W.: Grand Master appointed on said committee

Bro. Marcus Wolfe,
" W. W. Northcott,
" Sibree Clarke.

Westminster, 23rd June, 1888.

To the M.: W.: Grand Master, Wardens and Officers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the R.: W.: Deputy Grand Master, beg leave to report as follows:

That we notice with pleasure the fraternal sentiments pervading the same and also the interest he has taken during the past year in the Craft generally.

We also heartily coincide with his expression of regret at the departure from our midst of our V.: W.: Grand Secretary, Bro. E. C. Neufelder, and deeply regret that the Craft will lose a very near and dear friend to its cause, trusting our loss may be a gain to both himself and those with whom he intends making his new home.

Fraternally submitted.

MARCUS WOLFE,
W. W. NORTHCOTT, } Committee.
SIBREE CLARK,

The hour being now six o'clock p. m., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 p. m. Grand Lodge called to labor by M.: W.:
A. R. Milne, Grand Master.

The V.: W.: Past Grand Secretary, Bro. E. C. Neufelder,
read the following

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

*To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of
British Columbia:*

Again, and I regret for the last time, I have the honor to offer my annual review of the transactions of the Grand Lodge for the past fiscal year. The customary Abstract, Summary and Recaptitulations I am pleased to state show an increase of revenue, and accessions to our ranks greater than in any previous year. The promise of prosperity evidenced by the report of this office at the last annual session, has fulfilled the expectations with still brighter hopes for the future.

Material business interests requiring my immediate presence and permanent residence in our sister jurisdiction of Washington Territory, I did not expect to be present at our annual session. I must bid adieu—my hand falters—I cannot guide my pen to give expression to the sadness that steals o'er me. The intimate personal acquaintance I have enjoyed for so many years with most of you, from the old pioneer days that are rapidly fading away in the dimness of time. And alas! many of those who have labored with us, have joined the Celestial Lodge above. "The record of their generous lives clings like a tender vine around the memory of the dead, and every sweet unselfish act is now a perfumed flower."

The confidence that has always been manifested towards me, the sincere friendship I have experienced, the fraternal courtesy you have always extended makes our parting more than "sweet sorrow." I have no need to individualize or make distinction, to one and all I say God speed you.

GRAND LODGE RECEIPTS.

Returns to March 1st, 1888.

Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.....	\$ 217 25
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2.....	124 25
Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.....	94 25
Cariboo Lodge, No. 4.....	26 25
Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.....	116 00
Union Lodge, No. 9.....	150 00
Kamloops Lodge, No. 10.....	52 64
Mountain Lodge, No. 11.....	167 00
Cascade Lodge, No. 12, under dispensation.....	30 00
	\$977 64

The following is a list of the Annual Proceedings received from various Grand bodies.

Arkansas,	Alabama,	Arizona,
California,	Canada,	Colorado,
Delaware,	Dakota,	District of Columbia,
England,	Florida,	France,
Germany,	Hungary,	Ireland,
Iowa,	Illinois,	Idaho,
Indian Territory,	Kansas,	Louisiana,
Maine,	Massachusetts,	Michigan,
Maryland,	Missouri,	Manitoba,
Montana,	Mexico,	Nebraska,
Nova Scotia,	N. S. Wales,	New York,
Nevada,	New Hampshire,	North Carolina,
New Brunswick,	Oregon,	Pensylvania,
Peru,	Quebec,	Scotland,
Prince Edwards Island,	Texas,	Utah,
West Virginia,	Vermont,	Victoria, Australia.
Wisconsin,	Washington,	Wyoming,

MISCELLANEOUS.

Copies have been received *Toronto Free Mason, Voice of Masonry, Light, Masonic Chronicle, Texas Masonic Journal, Token, Royal Craftsman.*

Commemoration Medal, Laying of Corner Stone Masonic Library building at Cedar Rapids, by Supreme Lodge, Iowa.

Historical enquiry, Grand Constitutions, 1786, from Secretary General Supreme Council, 33rd, S. J., Washington.

DISPENSATIONS.

The following dispensations have been issued from my office during the year:

July 16th, 1887, dispensation granted to Kamloops Lodge, No. 10, to appear, in public, clothed as Masons, for the purpose of attending divine service on 31st July.

March 7th 1888, to Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, to act upon petition of Mr. Wm. Edgar Perry Smith, R. N., in accordance with sections 131-132 Constitution of British Columbia.

March 22nd, 1888, to Union Lodge, No. 9, to meet in new building until dedication of the Masonic Temple.

May 11th, 1888, to Cascade Lodge to meet as such, under dispensation, until meeting of Grand Lodge, and their warrant receive confirmation as No. 12.

June 20th, 1888, to Spallumcheen Lodge, Lansdowne, authorizing them to meet until Warrant of Constitution be granted by Grand Lodge.

INSTALLATIONS.

Dec. 27th, 1887, M.: W.: Grand Master Milne, assisted by M.: W.: P.: Grand Master Henry Brown, installed the officers elect of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2. R.: W.: Bro. D. H. Ross, elected Grand Senior Warden at the annual session of Grand Lodge, being present, was duly installed by the M.: W.: G.: M.:

January 5th, 1888, the M.: W.: Grand Master attended by the officers of Grand Lodge paid an official visit to Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, and installed the officers elect.

Nov. 22nd, 1887, letters were issued deputing W.: Bro. Sibree Clarke to present Charter and install the officers of Mountain Lodge, No. 11, at Donald.

PUBLIC CEREMONIES.

August 27th, 1887, M.: W.: Grand Master attended by the officers of Grand Lodge proceeded to New Westminster for the purpose of laying the Corner Stone of the Masonic Temple.

May 5th, 1888, the Grand Lodge officers were called together by the M.: W.: G.: M.: for the purpose of Unveiling the monument erected to our late Bro. Hudson at Nanaimo.

May 21st, 1888, Application having been made to Kamloops Lodge, No. 10, to lay Corner Stone of building to be erected as an Episcopal Church, Kamloops, V.: W.: Bro.: Rev. Bishop Sillitoe was authorized to act as the M.: W.: G.: M.: deputy upon that occasion.

Transcript of proceedings of the above are herewith appended.

COMMISSIONS.

Jan. 26th, 1888, Commission was received from the National Grand Lodge of Roumania, dated Dec. 16th, 1887, appointing M.: W.: Bro. A. R. Milne their Representative near this Grand Lodge.

Jan. 28th, 1888, Commission was received from the Grand Lodge of Michigan, appointing M.: W.: Bro. A. R. Milne Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge.

May 14th, 1888, Commission was received from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, appointing W.: Bro. Sibree Clarke, of Kamloops, their Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge.

May 26th, 1888, Commission was received from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, appointing R.: W.: Bro. John S. Clute, D.: G.: M.: their Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge.

June 18th, 1888, Commission was received from the Grand Lodge of Maine, appointing W.: Bro. Marcus Wolfe their Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge.

Nov. 8th, 1887, M.: W.: Bros. Chambers and Baker having resigned from the Committee *re* Division of Benevolent Fund, M.: W.: Bros. Henry Brown and Wm. Dalby were appointed in their stead.

VISITATION.

Jan. 13th, 1888, Ill. Bro. Morris, P.: G.: M.: Kentucky, honored this office with a pleasant call, and afterwards lectured under the auspices of several of the Subordinate Lodges.

BY-LAWS.

Dec. 27th, 1887, the By-Laws of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, being duly submitted, were approved by the M.: W.: Grand Master.

March 29th, 1888, the By-Laws of Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, were approved by the M.: W.: Grand Master.

May 11th, 1888, the By-Laws of Mountain Lodge, No. 11, being duly submitted, received the approval of the M. W. Grand Master.

July 16th, 1887, By-Laws Kamloops Lodge, No. 10, Sec 10, amended to read :

Initiation, - \$50,
Affiliation - 15,
Degrees, each 5.

Feb. 15th, 1887, By-Laws Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, Art. III, sec. 1, amended to read, The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be holden on the first Wednesday in each month.

FRATERNAL DEAD.

The following have been officially reported :

James Bryden, Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2.
R. J. McDonell, Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2.
Joseph Spratt, Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2.
John Ramsay, Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2.
Jonathan Nutt, P. M., Cariboo, No. 4.
Samuel Hudson, Ashlar, No. 3.
Malcolm McLean, Ashlar, No. 3.
Archibald Muir, Ashlar, No. 3.
Allan Smiley, Ashlar, No. 3.
Wm. Horne, Ashlar, No. 3.
D. J. Booth, Victoria-Columbia, No. 1.
J. G. Bunte, Victoria-Columbia, No. 1.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1888.

FOR	REMARKS.									
	Victoria-Columbia, Lodge, No. 1.	Vancouver-Quandra, Lodge, No. 2.	Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.	Cariboo Lodge, No. 4.	Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.	Union Lodge, No. 9.	Kamloops Lodge, No. 10.	Mountain Lodge, No. 11.	Cascade Lodge, No. 12, U.D.	Total No. dealt with.
Initiations.....	8	2	2	2	7	14	5	26	64 1 00	\$ 64 00
Passings.....	10	2	1	1	7	12	5	26	63 1 00	63 00
Raisings.....	15	4	1	1	6	11	2	23	62 1 00	62 00
Affiliated from without.....	13	1	2	2	23	6	3	3	50 1 00	50 00
“ “ within.....	14	3	1	1	3	9	3	3	4 50	2 00
Demitted.....	2	4	5	1	1	1	1	1	31	.....
Died.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	12	.....
Suspended.....	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	.....
Reinstated.....	6	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	22	.....
Rejected.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....
Expelled.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....
Dispensation Degrees.....	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....
Miscellaneous.....	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....
Diplomas granted.....	107	91	69	21	50	68	25	36	496 1 25	583 75
Masons on Roll.....	217	25	94	25	26	25	116	167	30	977 61
Total amount G.L. dues \$	217	25	94	25	26	25	116	167	30	977 61

*For new Lodge.
12 39 + E.A. from without
108 00 \$Overpay \$2.39
583 75 + No dues, being
under dispensation

SUMMARY.

NAME AND No. OF LODGE.	CITY OR TOWN.	Dues for the Year.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Diplomas.	Dispensations for Degrees	Disp. Miscellaneous.	Affiliations.	Totals.	REMARKS.
Vict.-Columbia No. 1.	Victoria.....	\$133 75	8 00	10 00	15 00	30 00	2 50	5 00	13 00	217 25	
Vanc-Quadra No. 2.	Victoria.	113 75	2 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	.....	.....	50	124 25	
Ashlar No. 3.	Nanaimo.	86 25	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	94 25	
Cariboo No. 4.	Barkerville.....	26 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 25	
Mount Hermon No. 7.	Vancouver.	62 50	7 00	7 00	6 00	4 00	.....	5 00	24 50	116 00	
Union No. 9.	New Westminster.	85 00	14 00	12 00	11 00	22 00	.....	.....	6 00	150 00	
Kamloops No. 10.	Kamloops.....	31 25	5 00	5 00	2 00	4 00	.....	2 39	3 00	52 64	
Mountain No. 11.	Donald.....	45 00	26 00	26 00	23 00	44 00	.....	.....	3 00	167 00	
Cascade No. 12. (under dispensation)	Vancouver.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	30 00	
		\$583 75	64 00	63 00	62 00	108 00	32 50	12 39	52 00	977 64	

RECAPITULATION.

Chartered Lodges.....	8
Lodges under Dispensation.....	1
Whole number Initiated in all Lodges.....	64
" " Passed in all Lodges.....	63
" " Raised in all Lodges.....	62
" " Affiliated from without the Jurisdiction.....	50
" " " " within the " 	4
" " Demiited.....	31
" " Died.....	12
" " Suspended.....	3
" " Re-instated.....	
" " Rejected.....	22
" " Diplomas Issued.....	54
" " Dis-pensations for Degrees.....	2
" " Miscellaneous.....	3
Total number of Members on Roll.....	496
Increase of Membership from last year.....	103
Total Receipts of Grand Lodge from all sources.....	\$977 64

DIPLOMAS ISSUED.

No. 261, Rusta, Andrew.....	Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1
" 262, Secord, Brunswick.....	" " " " 1
" 263, Newham, Wm. Henry.....	" " " " 1
" 264, McArthur, Alex. Carlyle.....	" " " " 1
" 265, McMillan, D.....	" " " " 1
" 283, Creech, William.....	" " " " 1
" 284, Wenger, John.....	" " " " 1
" 285, Dawson, Stephen.....	" " " " 1
" 286, Nicholles, John.....	" " " " 1
" 287, Barnard, Frank S.....	" " " " 1
" 289, McCandless, Alex. G.....	" " " " 1
" 290, Farlow, Henry Ellis.....	" " " " 1
" 291, Finlaison, Walter Herbert.....	" " " " 1
" 296, Forrest, Edward H.....	" " " " 1
" 303, Brown, Wm. Robie.....	" " " " 1
" 333, Mesher, George C.....	" " " " 1
" 294, McArthur, James.....	Vanconver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2
" 334, Walker, Henry G.....	" " " " 2
" 335, Roycraft, Henry B.....	" " " " 2
" 336, McKenzie, A. M.....	" " " " 2
" 295, Frame, John.....	Ashlar Lodge, No. 3
" 288, Farr, Edward.....	Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7

No. 299, McDonald, John.....	Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7
" 329, Shelton, Giles.....	" " " 7
" 330, Holmes, Richard.....	" " " 7
" 331, Weeks, George Wm.....	" " " 7
" 332, Cameron, Joseph.....	" " " 7
" 280, Tescherer, Herman Chas.....	Union Lodge, No. 9
" 281, Hillver, Charles.....	" " " 9
" 282, McLean, Allen.....	" " " 9
" 292, Rickman, Reginald I.....	" " " 9
" 293, McAskill, Malcolm.....	" " " 9
" 304, Ganoreau, Narcisse B.....	" " " 9
" 297, Crowcher, Charles.....	" " " 9
" 298, Davis, Willis.....	" " " 9
" 300, Montgomery, Jas.....	" " " 9
" 301, Corthain, Wm. A.....	" " " 9
" 302, Brown, Fred. S.....	" " " 9
" 271, Rashdall, George Herbert.....	Kamloops Lodge, No. 10
" 337, Risteen, George Fredk.....	" " " 10
" 305, Rae, Thomas Miller.....	Mountain Lodge, No. 11
" 306, Wall, John.....	" " " 11
" 307, McKenzie, George Ross.....	" " " 11
" 308, Newman, William.....	" " " 11
" 309, Hobbs, Fred'k Edwin.....	" " " 11
" 310, Johnston, James Bruce.....	" " " 11
" 311, McInnes, Angus.....	" " " 11
" 312, Mee, Robert.....	" " " 11
" 313, Forbes, Andrew Fraser.....	" " " 11
" 314, Gilbranson, Major Sweetson.....	" " " 11
" 315, Griffith, John Edgar.....	" " " 11
" 316, Bright, John Benjamin.....	" " " 11
" 317, Lilley, William Henry.....	" " " 11
" 318, Ruttan, Walter Shanley.....	" " " 11
" 319, Comer, Harry.....	" " " 11
" 320, Hull, Robert Candy Isaac.....	" " " 11
" 321, Goulding, Francis Joseph.....	" " " 11
" 322, Blythe, Thomas Augustine.....	" " " 11
" 323, Wharton, James.....	" " " 11
" 324, McArthur, John Currie.....	" " " 11
" 325, McLean Donald H.....	" " " 11
" 326, Van Antwerp, Wm. Freedome.....	" " " 11
" 327, Patterson, Donald.....	Union Lodge, No. 9
" 328, DeWolf Smith, Wm. Andrew.....	" " " 9

Total Diplomas Issued, 59.

AFFILIANTS.

- No. 259, McCulloch, Wm. F., Holton Lodge, No. 42, Kansas, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 260, Luker, Wm. G., Lebanon Forest Lodge, No. 33, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 261, Flett, Henry T., Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, B. C. R., Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 262, Toller, Albert, Fidelity Lodge, No. 289, England, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 263, Stanton, Herbert, St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Ontario, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 264, Booth, Douglas J., Morton Lodge, No. 89, Shetland Islands, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 265, Reid, Andrew R., Glasgow Lodge, No. 347, Scotland, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 266, Fraser, Roderick L., Orillia Lodge, No. 192, G. R. C., Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 267, Monk, Thos., N. S. Wales Lodge, No. 20., Redfern, N. S. Wales, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 268, Lange, Gustave B., Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, St. Paul, Minnesota, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 269, Mesher, George, St. John's Lodge, No. 1569, Working, England, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 270, Flint, Arthur St. George, Hiram Lodge, No. 120, Dublin, Ireland, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 271, Grant, Arthur, North Star Lodge, No. 322, Owen Sound, Ontario, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
- 272, Brown, Frederick, Union Lodge, No. 9, B. C. R., Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2.
- 247, Gillespie, John, Kilwinning Lodge, No. —Scotland, Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.
- 248, Cameron, Peter, Star in the East Lodge, No. 640, Yokohama, Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.
- 249, McKinnell, Andrew, Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, B. C. R., Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.
- 273, Gabriel, Thos., Reno Lodge, No. 13, Nevada, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 274, Marks, A. J., Silver Cliff Lodge, No. 33, Colorado, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 275, Downie, Wm., P. M., Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Ontario, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 276, Miller, Walter Oscar, Union Lodge, No. 9, B. C. R., Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.

- No. 277, Nelson, Charles, Marquette Lodge, No. 21, Manitoba, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 278, Ferguson, R. C., Union Lodge, No. 9, B. C. R., Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 279, Garrioch, C. R. T., Union Lodge, No. 9, B. C. R., Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 280, Berry, Harry A., Union Lodge, No. 9, B. C. R., Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 281, Gavin, John J., Union Lodge, No. 9, B. C. R., Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 282, McLachlan, Donald, Solomon Lodge, No. 46, Nova Scotia, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 283, Carmichael, D., Mountain Lodge, No. 11, B. C. R., Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 284, Peek, E. J., Garfield Lodge, No. 41, Washington Territory, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 285, Cordunier, Peter, Royal Albert Lodge, No. 19, Nova Scotia, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 286, Magee, G. E., Union Lodge, No. 9, B. C. R., Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 287, Colson, C. E., Benevolent Lodge, No. 98, Kansas, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 288, Gunn, J. W., Thistle Lodge, No. 250, Ontario, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 289, Evans, David, Emerson Lodge, No. 6, Manitoba, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 290, Cook, Edward, St. James Lodge, No. 73, Ontario, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 291, Henderson, Stanley, Ancient St. John Lodge, No. 3, Ontario, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 292, Mee, Robert, Mountain Lodge, No. 11, B. C. R., Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 293, Taylor, G. N., Jerusalem Temple, No. 721, New York, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 294, Matheson, Wm., Mountain Lodge, No. 11, B. C. R., Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 295, Creighton, W. D., Bow River Lodge, No. 28, N. W. T., Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 296, Scott, Samuel D., Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Ontario, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 297, Craig, Wm., Missisquoi Lodge, No. 9, Ontario, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.

- 298, Bell Henry A., P.: M.:, Marmoria Lodge, No. 222, Ontario,
Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
- 250, Forrester, James, St. James Lodge, No. 177, Scotland, Union
Lodge, No. 9.
- 251, Wilson, James, Eastern Light Lodge, No. 72, Nova Scotia,
Union Lodge, No. 9.
- 252, McLennan, John C., Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Ontario, Union
Lodge, No. 9.
- 253, McMillan, Daniel, Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, B. C. R., Union Lodge,
No. 9.
- 254, Cowper, Jesse M., Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1, B. C. R.,
Union Lodge, No. 9.
- 255, Clapcott, W. G. E., Georgina Lodge, No. 343, Ontario, Union
Lodge, No. 9.
- 256, Charleson, Alex., Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 303, Michigan.
Union Lodge No. 9.
- 257, Forrester, James, Union Lodge, No. 9, B. C. R., Union Lodge,
No. 9.
- 258, Gilley, Walter W., St. Mark's Lodge, No. 5, New Brunswick.
Union Lodge, No. 9.
- 301, McGregor, Alex., P.: M.:, Lancaster Lodge, No. 207, G. R. C.,
Kamloops Lodge, No. 10.
- 302, Cooper, William Henry, P.: M.:, Harlesden Lodge, No. 2098.
England, Kamloops Lodge, No. 10.
- 303, Noble, Andrew, Walker-on-Tyne Lodge, No. 1342, England,
Kamloops Lodge, No. 10.
- 299, Cameron, Alex. Henry, P.: M.:, Belmont Lodge No. 13.
Manitoba, Mountain Lodge, No. 11.
- 300, Pullenger, John George, Marquette Lodge, No. 21, Manitoba,
Mountain Lodge, No. 11.
- 304, Cooper, W. H., P.: M.:, Harlesden Lodge, No. 2098, England,
Mountain Lodge, No. 11.

Total, 58.

H. F. HEISTERMAN, GRAND TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE M.: W.: GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Your Treasurer begs leave to report as follows regarding the transactions of his office during the past year:

1887.		1888.	
June 1st—To Balance in Savings Bank to credit of G. L. \$582 30		July 6th—By Order, Vote to Ashlar Lodge.....	\$ 25 00
Dec. 13th—To Interest accrued on balance deposited by Benevolent Fund withdrawn this day.....	29 24	" No. 1, R. T. Williams, binding Grand Lodge Proceedings.....	40 25
Mar. 28th—To Grand Secretary cash received from Cariboo Lodge No. 4.....	\$ 26 25	" No. 2, W. Trickey, Grand Tyler.....	19 50
Apr. 30th—To Grand Secretary cash received from Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2.....	124 25	" No. 3, Refreshments for G. L. 1886.....	23 65
May 9th—To G. Secretary cash received from Union Lodge No. 9.....	150 00	" No. 4, G. Tyler expenses to & from N.W. 11 25	
—to G. Secretary cash received from Kamloops Lodge No. 10.....	52 64	" No. 7, Ellis & Co. printing Constitution.....	132 30
—to G. Secretary cash received from Ashlar Lodge No. 3.....	94 25	" No. 8, rem. to pay <i>Voix of Hesperus</i>	3 00
—to G. Secretary cash received from dispensation, Cascade Lodge No. 12.....	30 00	" No. 10, printing G. L. proceedings, 1888-89.....	145 80
18th—To G. Secretary cash received from Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.....	217 25	" No. 11, printing for G. M. and C. S.....	60 05
28th—To G. Secretary cash received from Mount Logan Lodge No. 11.....	100 00	" No. 12, E. C. Neufelder, 6 mos. salary.....	100 00
June 20th—To G. Secretary cash received from Mount Logan Lodge, No. 11.....	67 00	" M.W.G.M. favor Bro Clarke, Kamloops Hall Committee.....	70 00
23rd—To G. Secretary cash received from Mount Hermon Lodge No. 57.....	116 00	" ".....	84 00
	977 64	" G. Secretary, postage stamps.....	5 00
		" Fire renewal, "Imperial".....	9 60
		" No. 13, M. W. Waitt & Co.....	3 00
		" No. 14, G. L. contribution to monument erected to Bro. Hudson.....	100 00
		" No. 15, Bro. G. Secretary 6 mos. salary.....	100 00
		" No. 16, "Stationery.....	10 00
		" No. 17, Bro. W. Trickey.....	11 00
		" Exchange on cheque from Kamloops.....	25 25
		" No. 18, M. Miller, printing.....	1 75
		" W. Trickey.....	722 23
		23rd—By Balance carried forward in Savings Bank and at Garesche, Green & Co's.....	\$1589 18
		To balance.....	722 23

All of which is fraternally submitted.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
Grand Treasurer.

Victoria, B. C., June 23rd, 1888.

H. F. HEISTERMAN, GRAND TREASURER,

Dr. *In Account with the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.* Cr.

June 30—To amount remaining to Credit of Fund, 200 shares in Masonic Temple @ \$20.....\$4000 00		1887.	
" To Cash in Gareache, Green & Co's, Bank @ 5 per cent		August 4—By relief granted Bro J. Nutt. Order No. 5...\$ 50 00	
427 00		October 3—By " " " Order No. 8... 25 00	
		1888.	
		June 23—By balance carried forward 200 shares..... 4000 00	
		Cash in Bank..... 352 00	
		\$4427 00	

Victoria, B. C., June 23rd, 1888.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,

Grand Treasurer.

There will be a probable income of \$200 on the shares besides interest on money deposited @ 5 per cent. per annum.

Moved by Bro. P.: M.: McKeown, seconded by Bro. P.: M.: Piercy and carried, That the Report of Bro. Grand Treasurer be received and printed.

The Audit Committee then presented the following :

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., JUNE 23RD, 1888.

To the M.: W.: Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN.—We the undersigned appointed a Committee to audit the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's books, beg leave to state that we have discharged our duty and found both correct in every respect.

THOS. MOWAT,
SIBREE CLARKE,
JOHN PIERCY.

On motion, duly seconded, is was *resolved*, that the Report be adopted and printed.

Reports were read from the following Special Deputies appointed by the M.: W.: Grand Master to perform the several duties, as under :

From Bro. Sibree Clarke, on Dec. 5th, 1887, to Consecrate Mountain Lodge, No. 11, at Donald, and install the officers thereof.

From Bro. H. McDermott, as to the state of the Craft in Barkerville, Cariboo Lodge, No. 4.

From Bro. Rev. W. H. Cooper, as to the state of the Craft in Donald, Mountain Lodge, No. 11.

From Bro. J. S. Clute, D.: G.: Master, as to the state of the Craft in New Westminster, Union Lodge, No. 9.

From Bro. I. Oppenheimer, as to the state of the Craft at Vancouver, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.

From Bro. R. Craig, as to the state of the Craft at Nanaimo, Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.

From R.: W.: Bro. A. W. Sillitoe, Bishop of New Westminster, laying Corner Stone of Episcopal Church, Kamloops, on May 24th, 1888.

Considerable discussion took place as to the advisability of printing the reports of Special Deputies *in extenso*, some of which had been ordered printed and others filed. It was moved by Bro. M. Moss, seconded by Bro. Northcott, that the action of the Grand Lodge in regard to the Reports of Special Deputies be re-considered. Carried.

Moved by Bro. Waite, seconded by Bro. P. Grant, that Reports from Special Deputies be received and filed. Carried.

Bro. Brown, Acting Grand Secretary, then read the Report on the M.: W.: Grand Master's address, which on motion duly seconded was ordered to be printed.

The Report of the Committee on the Deputy Grand Master's address was then read, and on motion duly seconded was ordered to be printed.

The Report of Committee *re* Hudson Monument at Nanaimo, was read, and on motion duly seconded, was ordered to be received and filed.

A Communication from the Chairman of the Charity Committee regarding the expenses incurred on behalf of deceased Brother P. M. Nutt, of Cariboo Lodge, and stating that the expenditure had been very heavy—more than Cariboo Lodge was in a position to pay, and more than the Charity Committee had power to order paid, also recom-

mending that the Grand Lodge vote the amount, \$263.59 from the Charity Fund. It was moved seconded and carried that the Report be laid on the table; subsequently the matter was taken up, and on motion of Bro. Northcott, seconded by Bro. Moss, it was resolved that the Report of Charity Committee be adopted and the amount ordered paid from the Charity Fund. Carried.

At the hour of 10:15 p. m. the Grand Lodge was called off for 20 minutes.

10:40 o'clock at labor.

MONEY GRANTS.

On the motion that all Money Grants be the same as last year, Bro. E. C. Neufelder wished to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the increased duties devolving upon the Grand Secretary, and suggested that fifty dollars be added to his salary. Bro. Clute agreed with Bro. Neufelder and suggested that the Grand Lodge go further and take into consideration the expenses of Grand Officers when travelling on Grand Lodge duty. Bro. Stewart was of a similar opinion, and after discussion it was moved by Bro. Deputy Grand Master J. S. Clute, and seconded by Past Grand Warden W. Stewart, "that in addition to the usual money grants, one hundred dollars be added to the salary of the Grand Secretary." Carried.

The hour for the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year having arrived, the M. W. Grand Master appointed Brothers E. C. Neufelder, J. Piercy and P. Grant as Scrutineers, and the election was proceeded with, the following being the result :

M.: W.: Bro. A. R. Milne, (re-elected).....	Grand Master
R.: W.: Bro. J. S. Clute, (re-elected).....	Deputy Grand Master
R.: W.: Bro. H. Hoy.....	Senior Grand Warden
R.: W.: Bro. A. McKeown.....	Junior Grand Warden
V.: W.: Bro. Rt. Rev. Bishop Sillitoe, (re-elected).....	Grand Chaplain
V.: W.: Bro. H. F. Heisterman, (re-elected).....	Grand Treasurer
M.: W.: H. Brown, P.: G.: M.:.....	Grand Secretary
W.: Bro. W. Trickey (re-elected).....	Grand Tyler

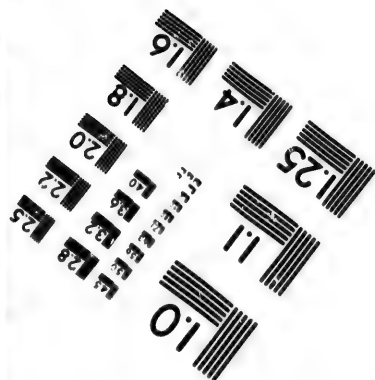
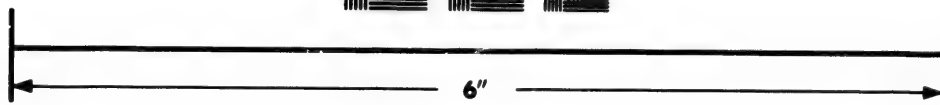
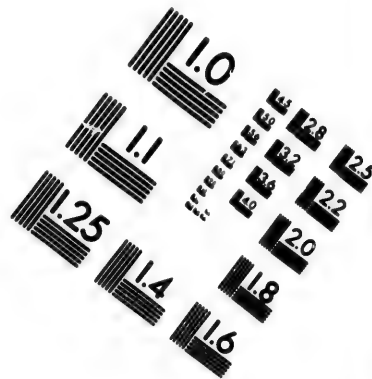
On Motion of Bro. M. W. Waite, Past Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. W. Stewart, Past Grand Warden, and carried, the above elections were declared unanimous.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until Sunday 24th, St. John's Day, at 2 p. m., to attend divine service at Holy Trinity Church.

ST. JOHN'S DAY.

2:30 p. m. The Grand Lodge was called to labor, M.: W.: A. R. Milne, the Grand Master, in the chair.

A procession was formed under the direction of V.: W.: Bro. W. Stewart, Acting Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to Holy Trinity Church, where a very hearty service was held, and an interesting and instructive sermon was preached by R.: W.: Rev. Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, Acting Grand Chaplain. On the return to the Lodge, the M.: W.: Grand Master made a few appropriate remarks and called the attention of the Brethren to the principles inculcated in the excellent address delivered by the Grand Chaplain.



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BEFORE

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

ON

THE FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, 1888.

BY

CANON W. H. COOPER, F. R. G. S.

P. M. W. M. SPALLUMCHEEN LODGE, P. D. G. CH. (SCOTCH CONSTITUTION)
MELBOURNE.

P. D. G. CH. (ENGLISH CONSTITUTION), CHRIST CHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.

Published at the request of the Grand Lodge, B. C.

PSALM CXXXIII, 1st verse.—*Behold how good and how pleasant a thing it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity.*

It is truly a good and pleasant thing to assemble on an occasion such as that which brings us here to-day. We are met, in the first place, to commemorate the festival of a saint who occupied a prominent position as the forerunner, or messenger who prepared the way, for the advent of Him who came to found a society, or kingdom, based upon the principles of peace, good will and unity. And secondly, we have met as Freemasons because of the ancient traditions of the Craft which connect our Institution with both the St. John's. Preston, the Masonic historian, tells us "That our Lodges have been from time immemorial dedicated to the two St. Johns. To St. John the Baptist, because he as the harbinger of our Blessed Saviour, preached repentance in the wilderness of Judea, and by so doing he drew the first line of the gospel through Christ, that he had only one equal, St. John the Evangelist, who, coming after the former, finished by his learning what the other began by his zeal." It is also good and pleasant to find so many who differ on matters more or less important, joining together, I trust, as earnest, sincere and united worshippers, to offer their homage to Almighty God and to do honor to the uncompromising herald of Christianity. When thus meeting we cannot but realize, in some degree, the Fatherhood of God, and our brotherhood as members of His family. There is unfortunately much to keep us apart, and at a distance from each other, so many differences of interest, of temper, of opinion, of tastes and education, that to be brought together for the common object of worshipping God, hearing His word, and partaking of the same means of grace and thus made to feel our unity as members of Christ and Children of God, is surely a priceless blessing. It has been said, and with too much truth, that men do not necessarily leave their differences outside the church porch, but too often carry them in their hearts, even when kneeling together in the House of God. Yet if they are good men, men of any right feeling, men of Christian sincerity, they cannot but feel inwardly rebuked when they become conscious of such feelings. They cannot but feel their asperity in some degree softened, when they join in worship as members of the great family of God. They cannot but reflect how strong are the bonds that ought to unite them, how infinitely greater and more precious are the things upon which they agree, than those whereon they differ. They

cannot but acknowledge this at least, that it is "a good and pleasant thing for brethren to dwell together in unity." Oh! how good and pleasant it would be to rest altogether from strife and enmity, to clasp each other's hands in hearty fellowship and Christian concord! There is another benefit from assemblies like the present. Our minds are carried beyond the limits of our own particular parishes or congregations, we are enabled to realize the unity of the whole Church. When we see a number of people brought together from great distances, many of whom are not members of the Catholic Church of England, yet joining in worship, prayer and praise, it cannot but have a wholesome effect on those thus united for a common object, and it must lead all true Christians, no matter by what name they call themselves, to look forward to, aye and pray earnestly for, the time when all will again be gathered into one fold, under one Shepherd. Oh! my brethren, if for one hour there was an united Christendom, what in that hour might not be achieved! The common perils by which we are threatened—the danger of the loss of faith from the earth should lead the earnest, the humble and the true to look and long for that blessed unity of the Spirit which is the bond of peace. Such unity can only be attained by the faithful and searching reformation of each communion by itself and for itself, and by the returning of each and all to the simplicity and purity of "the Faith that was *once for all* delivered to the Saints."

We have to day present in an official way, representatives of the Ancient and Honorable Order of Free and Accepted Masons. All the traditions and ceremonies of which society teach lessons of brotherly love and unity. Indeed it would have been impossible to have preserved the constitution and catholicity of the Order, had not dissension and schism been always guarded against, and repressed by the strongest measures. Masonry therefore presents the remarkable spectacle of an ancient society whose branches are spread over the four quarters of the earth, embracing within its bond of brotherhood people of all nationalities, and of every rank of life, kings and peasants, nobles and artisans, bishops, priests, soldiers and scholars, still preserving its unity and allowing no deviation from the landmarks and constitutions of the Order.

Inquiries into the origin and history of Freemasonry have of late years led to the almost universal opinion that our history cannot be traced back to the cloudy mists of antiquity, nor yet to the time of King Solomon. The theories that connect Freemasonry with the Eleusinian mysteries of Greece, or with rites connected with the ancient Egyptians and Indians, have long been demolished. These ancient rites and mysteries were all connected with the religions of the countries in which they flourished—they were indeed religious associations with nothing of

the nature of a craft about them. On the other hand, until the beginning of the 18th century, Freemasonry was invariably operative, and consisted of companies of working masons carrying out the designs of the masters and architects of the Order. Societies of this description were to be found in Rome during the days of the Republic and the Empire. To them was entrusted the erection of those public buildings that made the city of Rome celebrated for beauty and grandeur. The Roman people were always distinguished by their activity and success as the colonizers of the whole world. Their victorious armies subdued Spain, Germany, Gaul and Britain. In all the countries they conquered they established colonies and built cities. Every legion of soldiers that went forth to conquer and colonize, had attached to it a lodge or college of working masons and architects, whose business it was to build temples for worship, public buildings and houses for the people. When the Roman empire declined, the colonies she had founded became independent kingdoms. The descendants of the colleges of workmen formed new organizations on the lines of the old building societies of Imperial Rome, and especially in Germany these operative masons developed a society which agreed in most essentials with the Freemasons of the present day. Its rites and constitutions, the division of the members into three classes—apprentices, fellow-craft and master mason, the secrets entrusted to the initiates, the obligations to relieve one another when in distress, were all nearly similar to the constitutions and regulations of our modern institution. There is one great difference—that while these pure and ancient masons were actually workmen, bricklayers, stone-masons and architects, Freemasonry as now practiced is speculative, that is, it consists of a brotherhood of symbolical builders who are engaged not in the erection of perishable buildings, but of spiritual temples which shall endure forever.

It is interesting to trace the the connection of Freemasonry and Christianity. The Freemasonry of the middle ages was the handmaid of Christianity. From the tenth to the sixteenth century the operative craftsmen traveled over the continent of Europe and through England almost exclusively engaged in building those grand and exquisitely finished cathedrals, churches and abbeys which excite the wonder and admiration of all who have had the privilege of viewing them. No doubt these masons were paid for their work, still they rendered no hireling service, but wrought in a spirit of noble enthusiasm and love of the purest principles of art, feeling an honorable pride in the stability and dignity of their work, and animated, above all, by the noble sentiment that they were workers together for the honor and glory of God.

But it is not only to the actual work (which was carried on almost ex-

clusively by Freemasons) of building Christian cathedrals and churches that I would refer to prove the Christian character of the Order. A manuscript of the tenth century, now preserved in the British Museum, has the following passage: "Every brother is recommended to attend his lodge, church, and sacrament, and when engaged in the latter ordinance, to hold up both his hands and pray in the following words—'Jesus, Lord, welcome to us in the form of bread and wine; shield us by Thy power and grace from sin and shame, and grant us endless bliss—Amen, Amen, So mote it be.'" In another Masonic document of the fifteenth century, we find these words: "The might of the Father of Kings, with the wisdom of His glorious Son, through the grace and goodness of the Holy Ghost, these be three persons in one godhead." Again, in a paper of charges, written in the seventeenth century, and preserved in the Lodge of Antiquity, it is directed, first: "That Masons shall be true men to God and the Holy Church, and use no error or heresy by their understanding or by men's teaching." The custom of praying towards the east, the erection of all buildings for divine worship east and west, are Masonic as well as Christian customs—the reason given for the former being an extract from the life of St. John by Prochorus, in which he states that "St. John never offered up his prayers to God but with his face turned towards the east." Such was Freemasonry until the beginning of the eighteenth century—a Christian Association of working masons, bricklayers and architects, with a small but increasing element of honorary members, nobles, ecclesiastics and patrons of art. Here then, to quote the words of a great historian of the Craft, "we are at the end of ancient Masonry. The operative masons who had been for some time decreasing in numbers acknowledged that it was out of their power as operative masons to continue the existence of their fraternity any longer."

A new era in the history of Freemasonry was inaugurated by the meeting of the four ancient Lodges then existing in London at the Apple Tree Tavern, Charles St., Convent Garden, on St. John's Day, 1717, then took place the total and final separation of operative and speculative masons, and the privileges of Freemasonry were extended to all men who were free born and of good report, provided they were regularly approved and initiated into the order.

There are two errors which the uninitiated constantly fall into in connection with Freemasonry. It is supposed to be a religion, or a substitute for religion. It makes no such claim. Freemasonry is not a religion; it does not profess to supply the renewing influence and the spiritual consolation which make Christianity a necessity for man in his present condition. Still it does teach some great and necessary religious

truths, the existence of Almighty God, the immortality of the soul, the absolutely necessity for purity of life. Brotherly love, relief and truth are also insisted upon, so that the oft quoted words "a good Mason cannot be a bad man" are true to the letter of all who are obedient to the principles of the Craft. Then again Freemasonry is not a Benefit Society, this cannot be too strongly insisted on. A benefit society is of the nature of an insurance office into which a man pays certain premiums, and from which he can claim, as a right, a sum of money in the case of illness, accident, or some other contingency. A benevolent institution Freemasonry certainly is, see its noble orphanages, asylums, and funds for the relief of aged and distressed Masons, but no brother can claim a participation in any of these benefits as a right—silently and secretly, without publicity or ostentation, does the Craft practice what may well be denominated the distinguishing characteristic of every Freemason's heart—CHARITY.

What then it may be asked is Freemasonry? The definition it gives of itself is "a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols," or as I have seen it better defined as "a system of morality developed and inculcated by the science of symbolism." I have already alluded to the difference that exists between ancient and what, for want of a better term, is called modern Freemasonry. The old masons were the actual builders of the material temples of Christianity. We are engaged in erecting spiritual buildings, and so we take the materials upon which the operative masons used to work, and the tools they employed in their art and give them a symbolic meaning, and by this means great truths are impressed on our minds that without such teaching would be overlooked or forgotten. The 24-inch rule represents to us the 24 hours of the day, part to be spent in prayer to God, part in labor and refreshment, and part to serve a brother or friend in distress. The Level teaches us the equality of all men in the sight of God. The Plumb-Rule justness and uprightness of actions. The Square teaches morality, so that by square conduct we may hope to reach the mansions of immortality. The Gavel, the Chisel, the Compasses, the Pencil, are each used to inculcate lessons of the deepest importance. The Legend of the Craft, the Charges, Prayers and Ceremonies are all calculated to make the thoughtful and earnest Mason a better citizen, a better subject, a better man, and to lead him to live more for the honor and glory of God and the welfare of his fellow creatures.

That amongst the thousands that are ranged under the banner of Freemasonry there are many unworthy members cannot be denied, but this is no argument against the usefulness of the Institution, the grandeur of its aims, and the purity of its principles. All human organ-

izations are imperfect. Thoughtless men, and men who were wholly unworthy have gained admission into our society, some have joined from the lowest motives, and many do not even desire to live up to the high standard of morality that is demanded of our members. The greater the necessity then for those who do realize the power and importance of the institution, to acknowledge their responsibility and endeavor to live in accordance with their solemn obligations, and the principles of the Craft.

I am very jealous for the honor of Freemasonry, and I call upon you brethren of this ancient and honorable institution to use all your influence and energy to enable you to carry out the great and noble work before you, see that you carry it out with zeal, with untiring perseverance and with prayer. In a new country, such as this, the formation of public opinion depends upon the character and actions of those who are in prominent positions, either socially, politically or commercially. In every class of society Freemasons are to be found—see then that you let your influence for good be felt in your own immediate circles. Let me suggest some ways in which your Masonic influence should make itself felt. You have each solemnly expressed a belief in the existence of Almighty God, the Great Architect and Ruler of the universe, the unerring and impartial Judge to whom we must all give an account of our actions in this life. Endeavor then to obey His precepts. Take for instance the better observance of Sunday or the Lord's Day, this subject has been prominently brought before our Provincial Legislature during the last session, and although no statute was passed on the subject, it is a good omen that the matter was considered at all. Let us as Masons try and create a more healthy tone in society on this question. It is a most important one. Not only the laws of God and the Church, but the universal law of nature which demands one seventh of our time as a period of rest, are unblushingly broken by a large number of persons in this community. Freemasons are bound by their obligations to honor God and to do good to their fellow creatures. Let there then be a constant endeavor on our parts to show, by our disapprobation of Sunday trading, by never entering those saloons and billiard rooms that are kept open on Sunday and are a disgrace to a civilized community, and by aiding every effort that will help to make those ashamed, who, to add to their own dollars, are robbing their employees of that one day in seven which is their rightful heritage—that our professions of belief are true, and our desire to improve the condition of humanity is a real effort towards restraining wrong and upholding right.

There is a custom which is only too common among men in this country. I allude to the filthy and blasphemous language used in every

day conversation—the curses and imprecations with which men defile themselves, and cause annoyance to those who are obliged to associate with them. I do not mean to convey the idea that men in other countries do not curse and swear, I know they do; but certainly British Columbia is the worst country in this respect I have ever lived in. Brother Masons! in a solemn charge you were all admonished never to use the name of God but with that reverence that is due from the creature to the Creator. See then that you carry out that which is one of the first principles of Freemasonry and use every means in your power to discourage that evil habit which is one of the dark blots upon our social life.

Yet once more. *Temperance* should chasten all our actions. A drunken Freemason should be an unheard of anomaly. Nor should there be any occasion for Freemasons to become total abstainers. To be temperate in all things, to use all the good gifts of God without abusing them is the highest standard the Christian man can attain to. There are no doubt cases where the only safeguard for a man is totally to abstain—then it is his clear duty not to hesitate but at once and forever to give up that which is ruining him soul and body. Brother Freemasons I call on you to do your utmost to eradicate—not only among yourselves but among men generally—the terrible vice of intemperance.

When I see before me a body of men such as are now assembled to worship T. G. A. O. T. U., men of talent, men of character, men impressed with deep religious feeling, men who are capable of—aye and many of whom are—accomplishing great things in helping to build up this new country, I am almost overwhelmed with a sense of the responsibility that rests upon me in my endeavour to help you to realize the importance and grandeur of the work that lies before you. Let us only show in our every day lives that we believe in Freemasonry as a reality, that we look upon our ancient institution as the handmaid of Christianity. That carrying out the principles and teaching of the craft we shall be enabled to live higher, nobler and purer lives. Let us be true to our God, true to ourselves, true to the teachings of the Order, true to our obligations, and true to each other, and then will the world see that next to Christianity there is no influence for good so powerful as Freemasonry, enabling those who are obedient to its precepts to live and dedicate their lives to the glory of God and the welfare of their fellow creatures.

And now unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

At 4:40 the Grand Lodge was relieved from further labor until 8 a. m., on Monday 25th, to proceed then with regular business.

IN GRAND LODGE.

Monday, 25th June. 8 o'clock a. m.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor, and proceeded with the regular business of the session.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

The M.: W.: Grand Master called on the Acting Grand Secretary to read the list of officers elected and appointed, and asked the Brethren if they were satisfied with their choice. There being no dissent, the M.: W.: Bro. A. R. Milne was amply installed by M.: W.: Past Grand Master Bro. H. Brown, in due and ancient form, and saluted with the Grand Honors.

Bro. Grand Master Milne then installed the elected and appointed officers as follows, except those marked* who were not present.

GRAND OFFICERS—FOR 5888-9.

M.: W.: Bro. A. R. Milne.....	Grand Master Of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2.
R.: W.: Bro. J. S. Clute.....	Deputy Grand Master Of Union Lodge, No. 9.
R.: W.: Bro. H. Hoy.....	Grand Senior Warden Of Union Lodge, No. 9.
R.: W.: Bro. A. McKeown.....	Grand Junior Warden Of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.

*V.: W.: Bro. Rt. Rev. Bishop Sillitoe.....	Grand Chaplain Of Union Lodge, No. 9.
V.: W.: Bro. H. F. Heisterman.....	Grand Treasurer Of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2.
V.: W.: Bro. H. Brown.....	Grand Secretary Of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
Bro. William Trickey.....	Grand Tyler Of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
*W.: Bro. M. Wolfe.....	Grand Senior Deacon Of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.
*W.: Bro. W. W. Northcott.....	Grand Junior Deacon Of Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1.
*W.: Bro. M. Moss.....	Grand Superintendent of Works Of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2.
W.: Bro. W. A. Duncan.....	Grand Director of Ceremonies Of Union Lodge, No. 9.
W.: Bro. T. Mowat.....	Grand Marshal Of Union Lodge, No. 9.
W.: Bro. J. Buie.....	Grand Sword Bearer Of Union Lodge, No. 9.
*W.: Bro. J. O. Grahame.....	Grand Standard Bearer Of Kamloops Lodge, No. 10.
W.: Bro. T. Downie.....	Grand Organist Of Mountain Lodge, No. 11.
W.: Bro. C. R. T. Garrioch.....	Grand Pursuivant Of Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.
W.: Bro. G. S. Russell, Victoria-Columbia Lodge, No. 1	Grand Stewards.
W.: Bro. M. Miller, Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2...	
W.: Bro. C. N. Westwood, Ashlar Lodge, No. 3.....	
W.: Bro. J. G. Goodson, Cariboo Lodge, No. 4.....	
W.: Bro. H. J. Berry, Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7.....	
W.: Bro. J. Hamilton, Mountain Lodge, No. 11.....	

M.: W.: Grand Master Milne announced the following
Committees for the ensuing year:

COMMITTEES :

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. W. Bro. J. S. Clute.....	Union, No. 9
R. W. Bro. H. Hoy.....	Union, No. 9
W. Bro. T. Mowat.....	Union, No. 9

FINANCE.

M. W. Bro. W. Dalby.....	Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2
W. Bro. J. Piercy.....	Victoria-Columbia, No. 1
W. Bro. M. Moss.....	Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2

JURISPRUDENCE.

V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman.....	Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2
V. W. Bro. M. W. Waitt.....	Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2
W. Bro. T. R. Mitchell.....	Victoria-Columbia, No. 1

PETITIONS AND GRIEVANCES.

R. W. Bro. W. Stewart.....	Ashlar, No. 3
W. Bro. A. Haslam.....	Ashlar, No. 3
W. Bro. R. Craig.....	Ashlar, No. 3

PRINTING AND CHARTERED LODGES.

R. W. Bro. Dixie H. Ross.....	Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2
W. Bro. W. W. Northcott.....	Victoria-Columbia, No. 1
W. Bro. R. B. McMicking.....	Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2

CHARITY.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Kelly.....	Union, No. 9
W. Bro. W. A. Duncan.....	Union, No. 9
W. Bro. P. Grant.....	Union, No. 9

CONSTITUTION.

W. Bro. W. Manson.....	Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2
W. Bro. W. Howay.....	Union, No. 9
W. Bro. J. Thiers.....	Union, No. 9

NEW BUSINESS.

On motion of Bro. I. Oppenheimer, seconded by Bro. P. Grant, it was

Resolved, That a warrant of Constitution be granted to Cascade Lodge, No. 12, now under dispensation.

On motion of Bro. Sibree Clarke, seconded by Bro. A. McKeown, it was

Resolved, That a warrant of Constitution be granted to Spallumcheen Lodge, No. 13, now under dispensation.

The following was moved by R.: W.: Bro. Stewart, P. M., of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, P. G. J. W., "That a uniform system of work and lectures be adopted by Grand Lodge for all subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, with the exception of those Lodges which took part in the formation of the Grand Lodge of B. C." Seconded by V.: W.: Bro. W. H. Cooper.

Bro. Stewart spoke in support and called the attention of the Brethren to the importance of the uniformity of Ritual, and several Brethren spoke in favor of the motion. After discussion it was moved in amendment by Bro. Clarke, seconded by Bro. McKeown, "That the question be referred to a committee of three to take the matter of uniformity of Ritual into consideration and report to Grand Lodge.

Moved as an amendment to the amendment by Bro. Buie, seconded by Bro. W. A. Duncan, "Strike out all after the word 'Lodges' on second line, and insert 'that may hereafter be chartered in this jurisdiction, and for those now holding charters, as the majority of the Lodge shall desire.'"

The amendment to the amendment was carried, and reads thus,

Resolved, That a uniform system of work and lectures be adopted by Grand Lodge for all Subordinate Lodges that may hereafter be chartered in this jurisdiction, and for those now holding charters, as the majority of the Lodge shall desire.

Moved by Bro. Stewart, seconded by Bro. Wolfe, "That no dispensation be granted for the formation of any new Lodge to any Masons who are not registered on the books of the Grand Lodge." Lost.

Moved by Bro. P. Grant, and seconded by Bro. H. Brown, "That the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Master in his address regarding Bro. Neufelder, and which was recommended by the Committee, be now made absolute." Carried unanimously.

Bro. E. C. Neufelder, Past Grand Secretary, thus became a permanent member of this Grand Lodge with the rank and title of R. W. Past Grand Senior Warden, which said Brother suitably acknowledged in Grand Lodge.

Bro. Grand Secretary H. Brown then moved the following resolution: "We feel that this Grand Lodge should not be closed without expressing in a tangible form their high appreciation of the benefit conferred on Masonry in this jurisdiction by Union Lodge, by the erection and completion of this magnificent temple which stands to-day an ornament to the city and a credit to the fraternity.

"Therefore on the nomination of R. W. Bro. Clute and W. Bro. Duncan, Trustees of Masonic property, with the sanction and approval of the Master and Wardens of Union

Lodge, and in accordance with Section 15 of our Constitution,

"Be it Resolved, That Bro. Benjamin Douglas, Treasurer of Union Lodge, and one of the Trustees of Masonic property, be constituted and appointed a permanent member of this M.: W.: Grand Lodge with the rank and title of Past Grand Treasurer." Seconded by Bro. E. C. Neufelder, Past Grand Senior Warden, and Carried unanimously.

Moved by Bro. Stewart, seconded by Bro. H. Hoy, "That the M.: W.: Grand Master be requested to call an emergent meeting of Grand Lodge for the purpose of exemplification of the work in the First, Second and Third Degrees, as practised by the different Lodges in the jurisdiction." Carried.

DIVISION OF JURISDICTION INTO DISTRICTS.

Moved by R.: W.: Bro. Clute, D. G. Master, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. Hoy, "That recognizing the desirability of dividing this jurisdiction into districts, and the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters in said Districts for the better furtherance of the working of the Craft in this Province,

"Be it therefore Resolved, That this jurisdiction be divided into four Districts to be known and designated as follows:

- No. 1 District..... Vancouver Island.
- No. 2 District..... New Westminster.
- No. 3 District..... Yale-Kootenay.
- No. 4 District..... Cariboo.

And that power and authority be given the M.: W.: the Grand Master to make such appointments from the Grand

Lodge as may be necessary to the carrying out of this resolution." Carried.

Moved by Bro. M. Wolfe, seconded by Bro. R. B. Kelly, "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Rector and Churchwardens of Holy Trinity Church for their courtesy in placing the sacred edifice at the disposal of the Grand Lodge on Sunday afternoon, St. John's Day, June 24th." Carried unanimously.

Moved by Bro. Stewart, seconded by Bro. Wolfe, "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to V.: W.: Bro. Canon W. H. Cooper, Acting Grand Chaplain, for the able and interesting sermon preached on St. John's Day, and request that Brother to furnish copy so that the same may be printed." Carried unanimously.

On motion the thanks of Grand Lodge was tendered to Union Lodge, No. 9, for the use of their handsome Lodge-room, and for the kindness and courtesy extended to members of the Grand Lodge.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Moved by Bro. P. M. Stewart, of Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, seconded by Bro. R. B. Kelly, of Union Lodge, No. 9, "That the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge be held at Victoria.

Moved in amendment by Bro. C. T. R. Garrioch, of Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, seconded by Bro. Sibree Clarke, of Kamloops Lodge, No. 10, "That the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge be held at Vancouver."

Amendment lost. Motion carried.

Bro. R. B. Kelly called the attention of Grand Lodge to

the fact that the names of Grand Officers of Grand Lodge were published within a few hours of the election without the consent of Grand Lodge, and thought such practise should be stopped.

The following Brethren presented their credentials as Representatives near this Grand Lodge:

Bro. Marcus Wolfe, from the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Maine.

" C. N. Westwood,	"	"	"	"	"	Peru.
" J. S. Clute,	"	"	"	"	"	Wisconsin.
" Sibree Clarke,	"	"	"	"	"	Vermont.

And were received with Grand Honors, and invited to take seats in the East.

On motion by Bro. Stewart, seconded by Bro. A. McKeown, the sum of twenty-five dollars was voted to Union Lodge, No. 9, on account of banquet.

Moved by Bro. Deputy Grand Master, seconded by Past Grand Warden Bro. Stewart, "That new regalia be furnished for Grand Officers during the present year, if the funds are adequate." Carried.

On motion of Bro. Wolfe, seconded by Bro. Deputy Grand Master J. S. Clute, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of Grand Lodge for the past year be printed.

On the question of dual membership in this jurisdiction, Bro. Cooper asked for an expression of opinion from the chair. The M.: W.: Grand Master stated in his opinion dual membership in this jurisdiction is not desirable.

Moved by Bro. Buie, seconded by Bro. Stewart, "That

in the opinion of this Grand Lodge dual membership in the jurisdiction is inexpedient." Carried.

Bro. Canon Cooper moved, seconded by Bro. Downey. "That further consideration of the question of dual membership be deferred until the Committee on Constitution report." Carried.

No further business appearing the M. W. Grand Master asked the Acting Grand Chaplain, V. W. Bro. Cooper, to pronounce a benediction, and the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM with Grand Honors, and so proclaimed in due and ancient form.

NEW WESTMINSTER, June 25th, 1888.

A. Brown
Grand Secretary

MASONIC BUILDING TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH MASONIC TEMPLE
SHAREHOLDERS.

1st July, 1887 to 1st July, 1888

DR.

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1887.			
June 30—To balance brought down from last year.....	\$ 85 79	By Insurance Imperial.....	\$ 43 75
To Rents Collected—		“ “ Imperial.....	26 25
Victoria-Columbia Lodge 12 months.....	\$240 00	By Taxes, Municipal, 1887.....	70 00
Vancouver-Quadra Lodge 12 months.....	240 00	By General Expense Acct Eli Harrison painting roof. 30 60	87 50
Columbia Royal Arch Chapter 12 months.....	180 00	S. L. Kelly, repairs to Tin.....	2 75
Grand Secretary's Office 12 months.....	50 00	Eli Harrison, painting and papering inside.....	136 00
Russell, McDonald & Co. 12 months.....		W. W. Northcott, 6 sets blinds.....	81 50
5 months @ \$18.....	90 00	do repairs.....	5 50
7 months @ 30.....	210 00	John Braden, repairs to water pipes.....	5 85
Stratford & Fish 5 months.....	79 00	Carpenter, repairs to Store, Figueard Street.....	8 50
E. C. Baker 12 months.....	12 00	Eli Harrison, Sundry.....	5 50
	1101 00		276 20
1888.		By Collection 2 per cent. on rents on \$1101.....	55 65
June 30—Interest on monies deposited with Garesche,		By Dividend on 600 Shares @ \$1.15 per share.....	690 00
Green & Co.....	14 90	By Balance forward to new account.....	22 94
	\$1,201 69		\$1,201 69
1889.			
July To Balance brought down.....	\$ 22 94		

All which is fraternally submitted.

H. F. HEISTERMAN,
Agent for the Trustees.

Grand Representatives near other Grand Lodges.

Grand Lodges.	Grand Representatives.	Residence.
Arizona.....	R.: W.: Merrill P. Pingree.....	Freeman.
Alabama.....	R.: W.: Stephen H. Beasley...	Montgomery.
Arkansas.....	W.: J. B. Bond.....	Little Rock.
Bayreuth.....	R.: W.: Puchta.....	Bayreuth.
California.....	W.: J. Laidley.....	San Francisco.
Colorado.....	W.: Frank C. Young.....	Denver City.
Connecticut.....	W.: Nelson G. Hinckley.....	Hartford.
Canada.....	R.: W.: John Creasor.....	Owen Sound.
Colon and Cuba.....	W.: Felix Companioni.....	Havana.
Columbia District.....	W.: John Lockie.....	Washington, D. C.
Delaware.....	R.: W.: Chas. C. Heisler.....	Wilmington.
Dakota.....		
England.....	W.: J. Braddock Moncton.....	London.
Florida.....	W.: Livingstone W. Bethel.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	W.: Calvin Fay.....	Atlanta.
Iowa.....	R.: W.: J. W. Satterthwaite.....	Davenport.
Idaho.....	W.: T. Dickson.....	Silver City.
Illinois.....	R.: W.: Loyal L. Munn.....	Freeport.
Indiana.....	W.: Wm. F. Tuley.....	Indianapolis
Indian Territory.....		
Italy.....	R.: W.: Adriano Lemme.....	Rome.
Kansas.....	W.: Wm. D. Thompson.....	Minneapolis.
Kentucky.....	R.: W.: Elisha Warfield.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	W.: Amos Kent.....	Vermillionville.
Manitoba.....	W.: John Stanley Hough.....	Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Missouri.....	W.: Theo. Brace.....	Jefferson City.
Maine.....	W.: Wm. A. Poor.....	Belfast
Michigan.....	M.: W.: R. C. Hathaway.....	Grand Rapids.
Nevada.....	W.: Chas. W. Friend.....	Virginia City.
Nova Scotia.....	R.: W.: Thos. R. Harris.....	Aylesford.
New South Wales.....	W.: J. F. Burns, L. S. A.....	Sydney.
New York.....	W.: P. H. Melley.....	New York.
New Brunswick.....	W.: Thos. F. Gillespie.....	St. John, N. B.
New Jersey.....	W.: Henry S. Haines.....	Patterson.
Nebraska.....	W.: Wm. Adair.....	Dakota City.
New Hampshire.....	W.: Wm. R. Burleigh.....	Great Falls.
Oregon.....		Portland.
Ohio.....	W.: W. A. Ward.....	Conneaut.
Pennsylvania.....	W.: Pearson Church.....	Philadelphia.
Peru.....	W.: E. V. Chavez.....	Lima.
Quebec.....	W.: Dickson Anderson.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	W.: Isaac Lawrence.....	Newport.
Scotland.....	R.: W.: Edward Savage.....	Aberdeen.
South Carolina.....	W.: A. W. Taft.....	Charleston.
Tennessee.....	R.: W.: John S. Dashiell.....	Nashville.
Utah.....	M.: W.: Wm. Grant Van Horne.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	R.: W.: Henry W. Hutchings.....	Bellows Falls.
West Virginia.....	R.: W.: Roger B. Rees.....	Clifton.
Washington Ter.....	W.: James R. Hayden.....	Olympia.
Wyoming.....		
Wisconsin.....		
Victoria, Australia.....	R.: W.: F. G. Manchester.....	Melbourne.

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Grand Lodge.	Grand Representatives.	Residence.
Arizona.....	R.: W.: I. Oppenheimer.....	Vancouver
Alabama.....	W.: A. A. Green.....	Victoria.
Arkansas.....	M.: W.: E. C. Baker.....	Victoria.
Bayreuth.....	V.: W.: H. F. Heisterman.....	Victoria.
California.....	R.: W.: Mark Bate.....	Nanaimo.
Colorado.....	R.: W.: Wm. Stewart.....	Nanaimo.
Connecticut.....	W.: Benjamin Springer.....	Moodyville.
Canada.....	M.: W.: William Dalby.....	Victoria.
Colon and Cuba.....	W.: John Teague.....	Victoria.
Columbia District.....	M.: W.: E. Harrison, Sr.....	Victoria.
Delaware.....	R.: W.: Robert B. Kelly.....	New Westminster.
Dakota.....		
England.....		
Florida.....	R.: W.: W. T. Livock.....	Victoria.
Georgia.....	M.: W.: E. C. Baker.....	Victoria.
Iowa.....	W.: Ralph L. Craig.....	Nanaimo.
Idaho.....	W.: William Howay.....	New Westminster.
Illinois.....	R.: W.: E. C. Neufelder.....	Victoria.
Indiana.....	R.: W.: Robert Beaven.....	Victoria.
Indian Territory.....	V.: W.: Thomas Shotbolt.....	Victoria.
Italy.....	R.: W.: E. C. Neufelder.....	Victoria.
Kansas.....	W.: Alex. Mayer.....	Nanaimo.
Kentucky.....	M.: W.: Thomas Trounce.....	Victoria.
Louisiana.....	M.: W.: Frederick Williams.....	Victoria.
Manitoba.....	R.: W.: Eli Harrison, Jr.....	Victoria.
Missouri.....	W.: R. B. McMicking.....	Victoria.
Maine.....	W.: M. Wolfe.....	Nanaimo.
Michigan.....		
Nevada.....	W.: James Brown.....	Nanaimo.
Nova Scotia.....		
New South Wales.....	M.: W.: E. C. Baker.....	Victoria.
New York.....	R.: W.: J. J. Southgate.....	Victoria.
New Brunswick.....		
New Jersey.....	R.: W.: Eli Harrison, Jr.....	Victoria.
Nebraska.....	W.: R. P. Rithet.....	Victoria.
New Hampshire.....	R.: W.: Eli Harrison, Jr.....	Victoria.
Oregon.....	V.: W.: H. F. Heisterman.....	Victoria.
Ohio.....	R.: W.: H. Hoy.....	New Westminster.
Pennsylvania.....	R.: W.: Dixie H. Ross.....	Victoria.
Peru.....	W.: C. Novello Westwood.....	Nanaimo.
Quebec.....	W.: James Reid.....	Quesnelle.
Rhode Island.....	W.: John Teague.....	Victoria.
Scotland.....	M.: W.: A. R. Milne.....	Victoria.
South Carolina.....	M.: W.: Henry Brown.....	Victoria.
Tennessee.....	R.: W.: A. McKeown.....	Victoria.
Utah.....	V.: W.: H. F. Heisterman.....	Victoria.
Vermont.....	R.: W.: Sibree Clarke.....	Kamloops.
West Virginia.....	M.: W.: Eli Harrison, Sr.....	Victoria.
Washington Ter.....	V.: W.: M. W. Waitt.....	Victoria.
Wyoming.....	M.: W.: Henry Brown.....	Victoria.
Wisconsin.....	R.: W.: J. S. Clute.....	New Westminster.
Victoria, Australia.....	M.: W.: Wm. Dalby.....	Victoria.

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New Jersey.....	Joseph H. Hough.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Las Vegas.
New York.....	Edward M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	D. W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
Nova Scotia.....	Benjamin Curren.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	John D. Caldwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	F. J. Babcock.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	Michael Nisbett.....	Philadelphia.
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Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
Texas.....	T. W. Hudson.....	Houston.
Utah.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	Edward M. Reed.....	Bellows Falls.
Virginia.....	William B. Isaacs.....	Richmond.
Washington Ter..	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia....	Geo. W. Aitkinson.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	John W. Laffin.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	W. L. Kuykendell.....	Cheyenne.

GREAT BRITAIN.

England.....	Shadwell H. Clerke.....	London.
Scotland.....	David Murray Lyon.....	Edinburgh.
Ireland.....	Samuel B. Oldham.....	Dublin.

EUROPEAN.

Austro-Hungary..	Joseph Hausdorfer.....	Budapest.
Belgium.....	Rian Neigrot.....	Brussels.
Denmark.....	Wm. Schytte.....	Copenhagen.
France—Lodge....	P. D. Hamel.....	Paris.
“ —Orient.....		Paris.
“ —Council....	E. Berard.....	Paris.
Germany—		
Three Globes...	H. G. F. Von Schweinichen...	Berlin.
National.....	Wilhelm Rabe.....	Berlin.
Royal York.....	Karl Bonche.....	Berlin.
Hamburg.....	F. W. Bokelmann.....	Hamburg.
Hesse Darmst...	Dr. Carl Ries.....	Darmstadt.
Union Eclectic..	Karl Paul.....	Frankfort-on-Main.
Saxony.....	F. Miesel.....	Dresden.
Bavaria.....	Ludwig Albert Redlich.....	Bayreuth.
Greece.....	S. Stephenson.....	Athens.
Holland.....	J. Bondewinze.....	The Hague.
Italy.....	Dr. Luigi Castellazzo.....	Rome.
Portugal.....	J. d'A de Franco-Netto.....	Lisbon.
Roumania.....	Dr. N. Theodoreschi.....	Bucharest.
Spain—Lodge....	Don Juan U. Y. Fernandez.....	Madrid.
“ —National...	Julia Fernandez Espina.....	Madrid.
Sweden.....	Robert Dickson.....	Stockholm.
Switzerland.....	H. Langsdorf.....	Unterthur.

DIRECTORY OF GRAND LODGES—Continued.

AUSTRALIAN.

Grand Lodge.	Grand Secretary.	Address.
New South Wales.	Nicholas Weeks.....	Sydney, Australia.
Victoria, Australia	David Meadowcroft.....	Melbourne, Victoria.
South Australia...	James H. Cunningham.....	Adelaide.

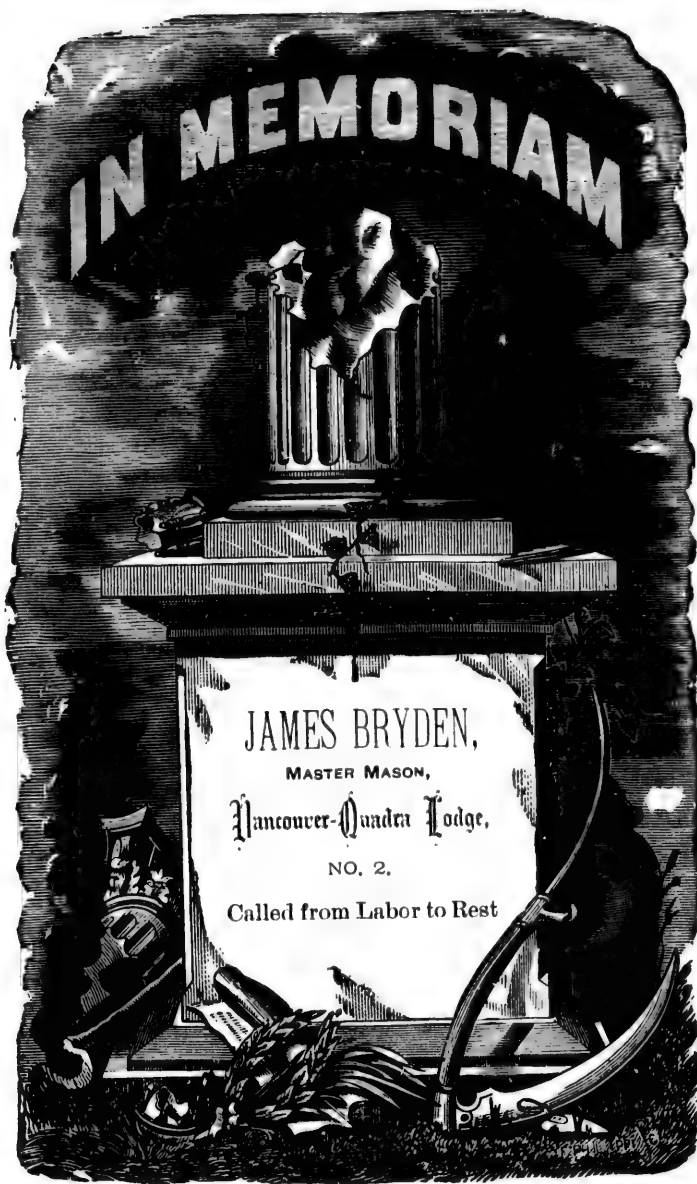
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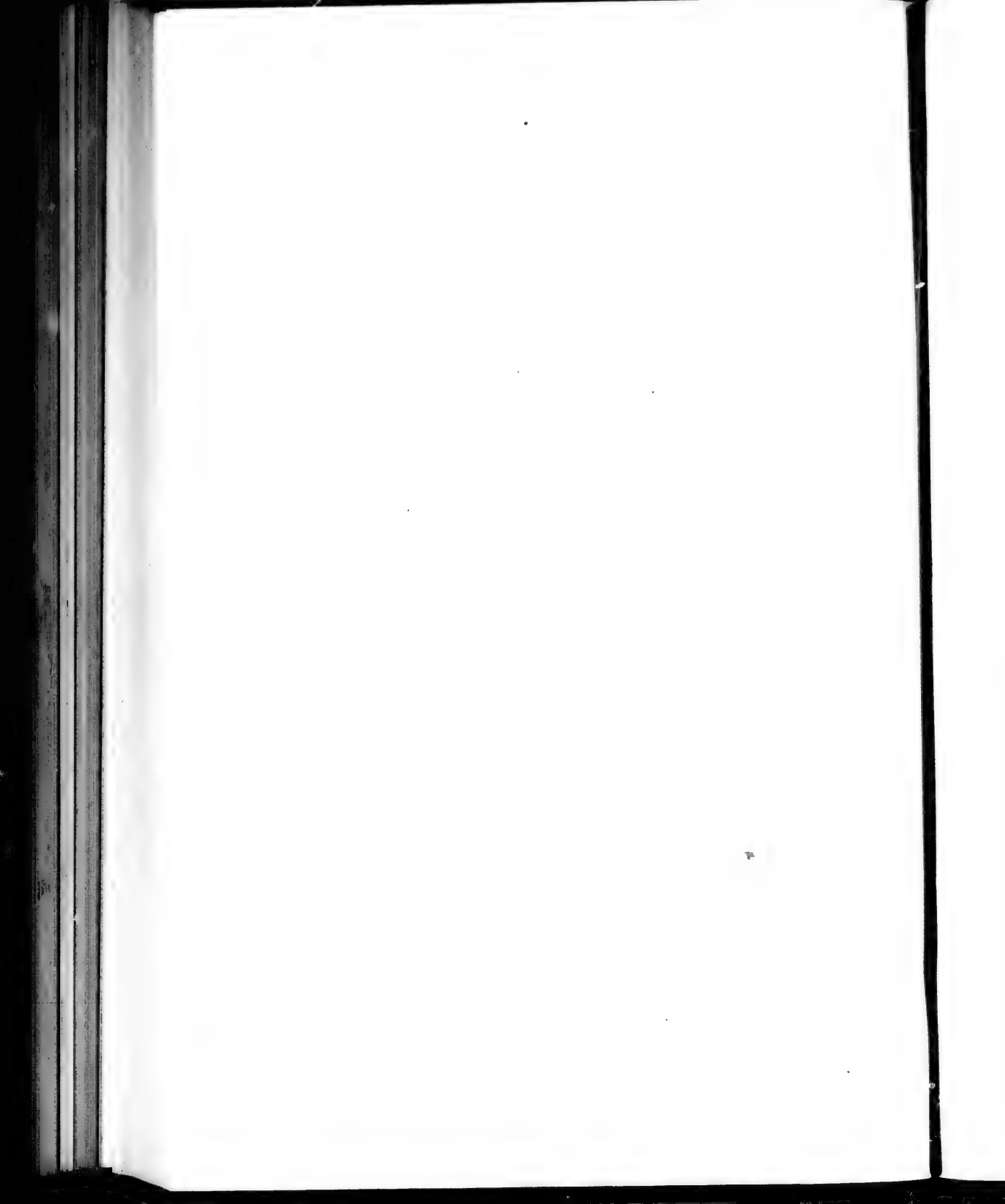
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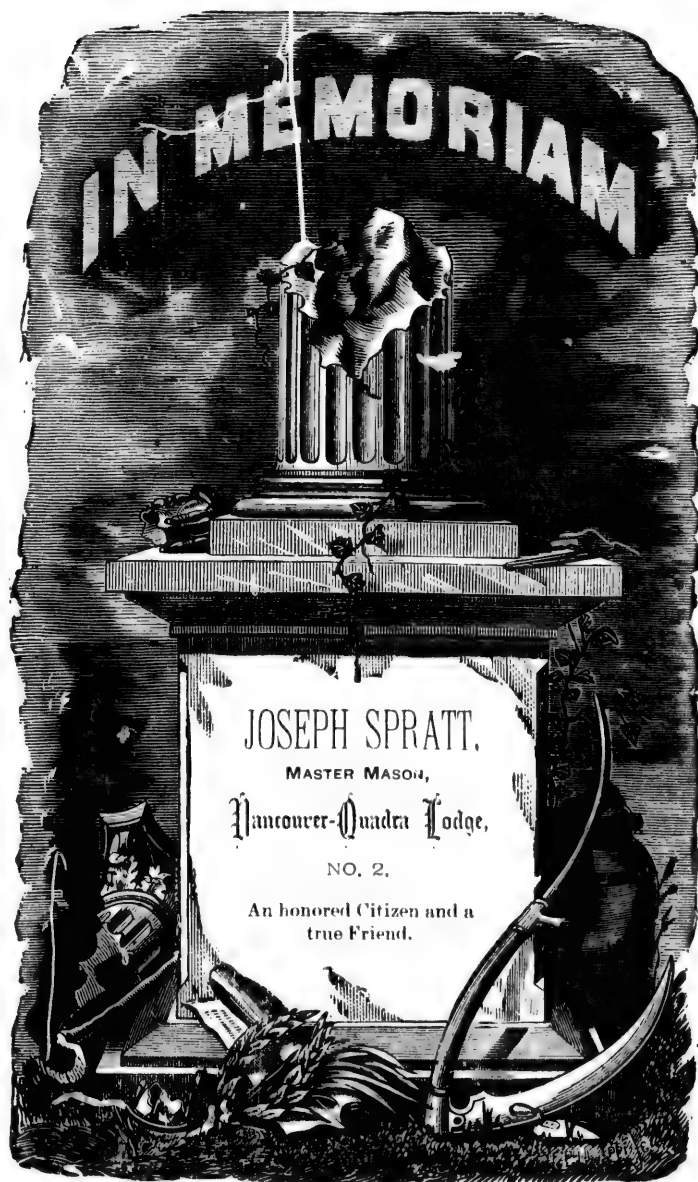
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Brazil.....	A. P. Mender.....	Rio de Janeiro.
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Chili.....	G. T. Munnich.....	Valparaiso.
Colombia.....	J. M. Grau.....	Cartagena.
Cuba.....	Jose F. Pellon.....	Havana.
Hayti.....	J. A. Courtis.....	Port au Prince.
Mexico.....	Emilio Canton.....	Mexico.
Peru.....	J. Ego Aguirre.....	Lima.
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Uruguay.....	B. Conrado.....	Montevideo.
Venezuela.....	J. M. Medina.....	Caracas.



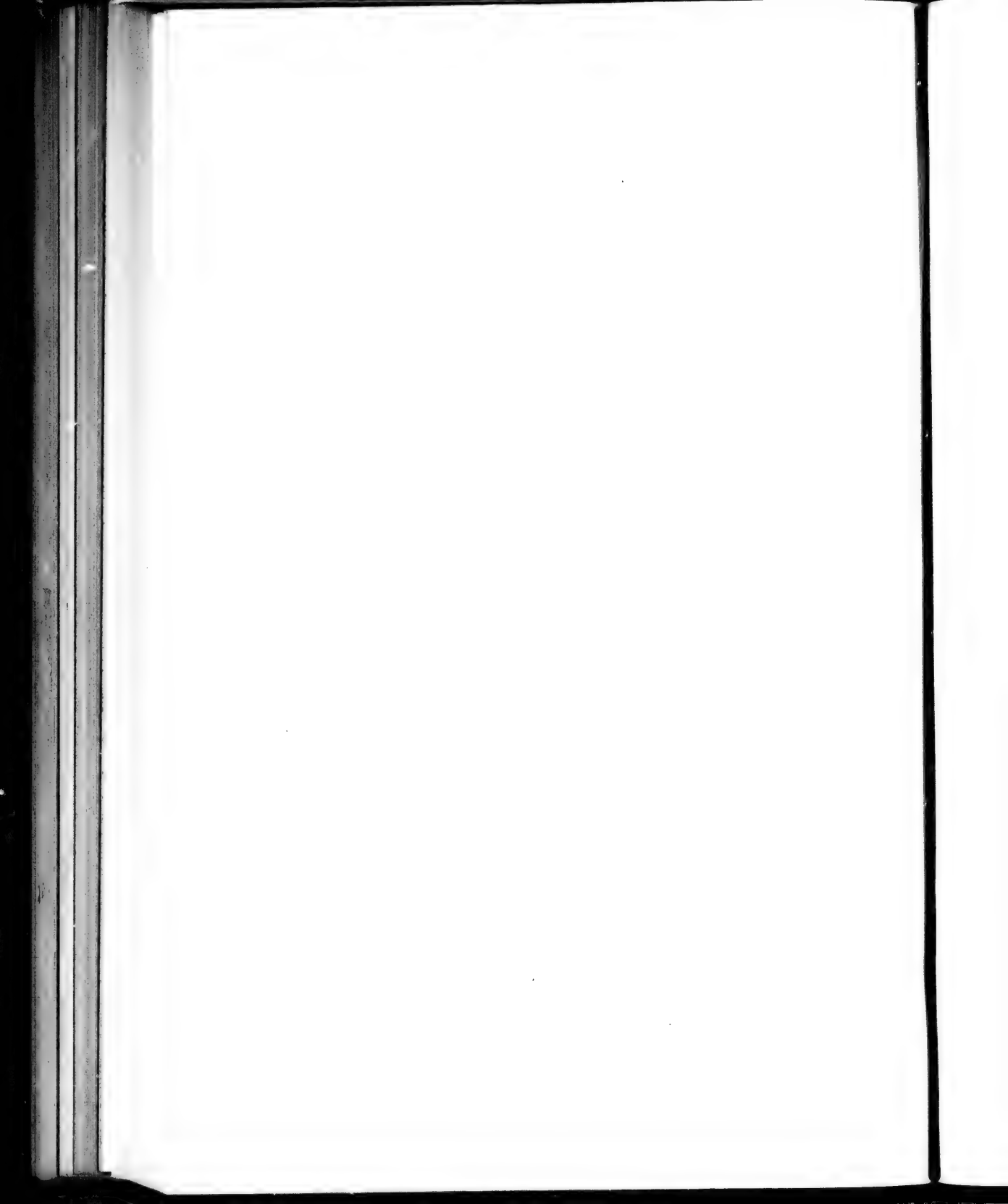


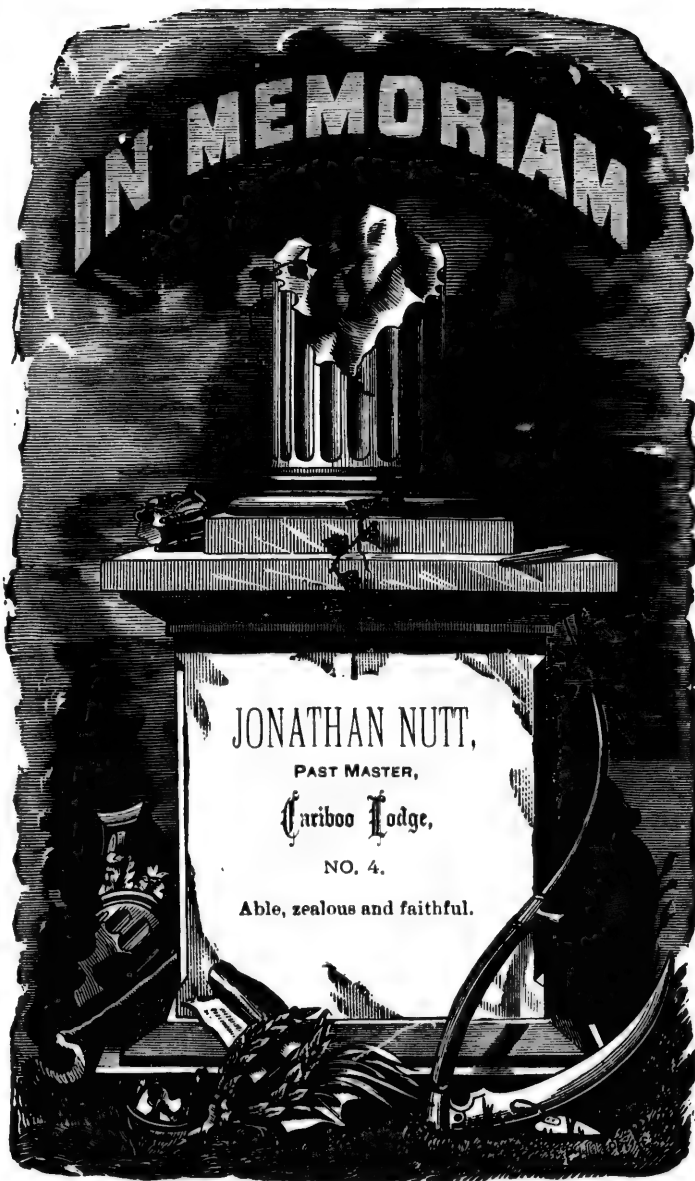




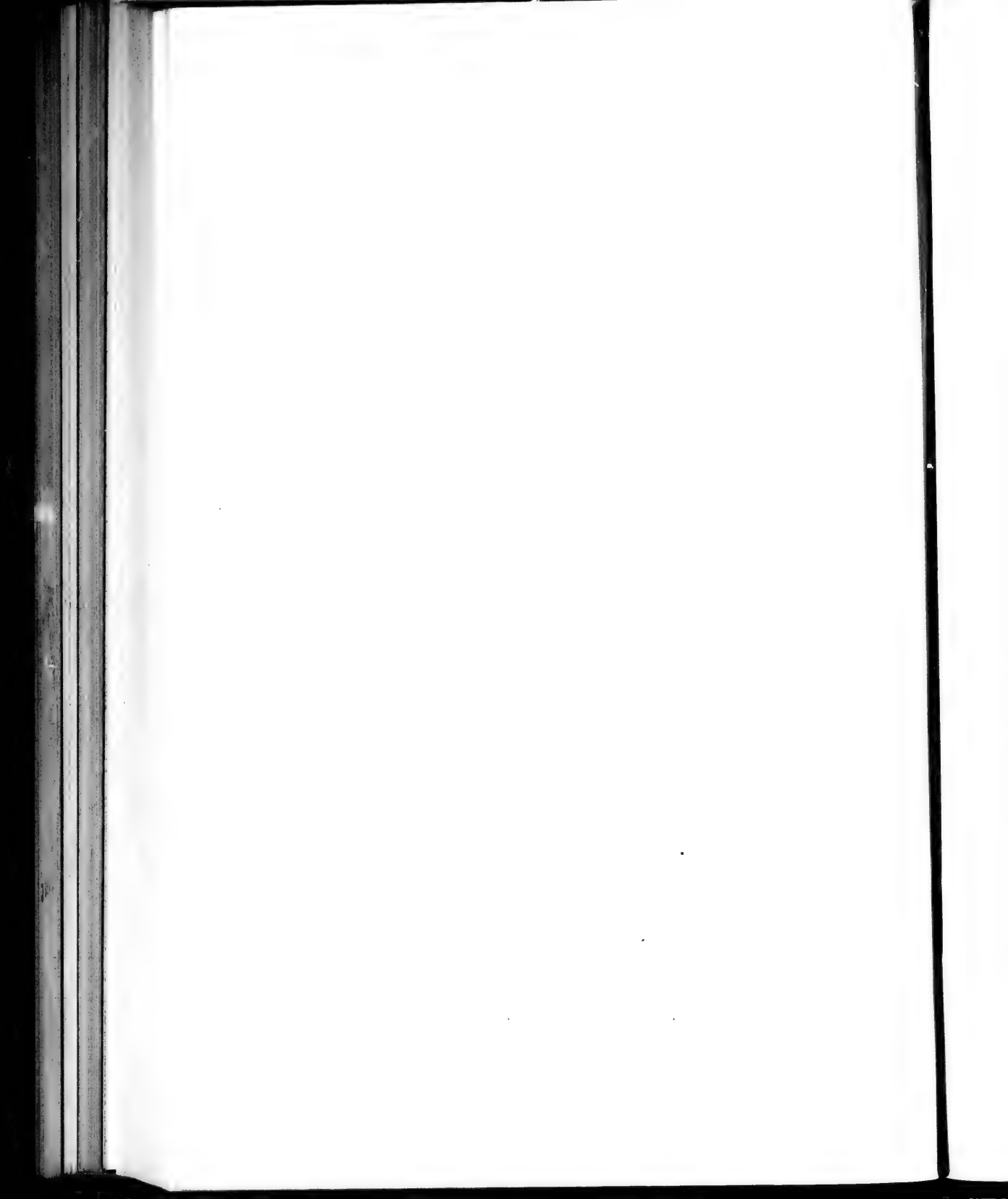


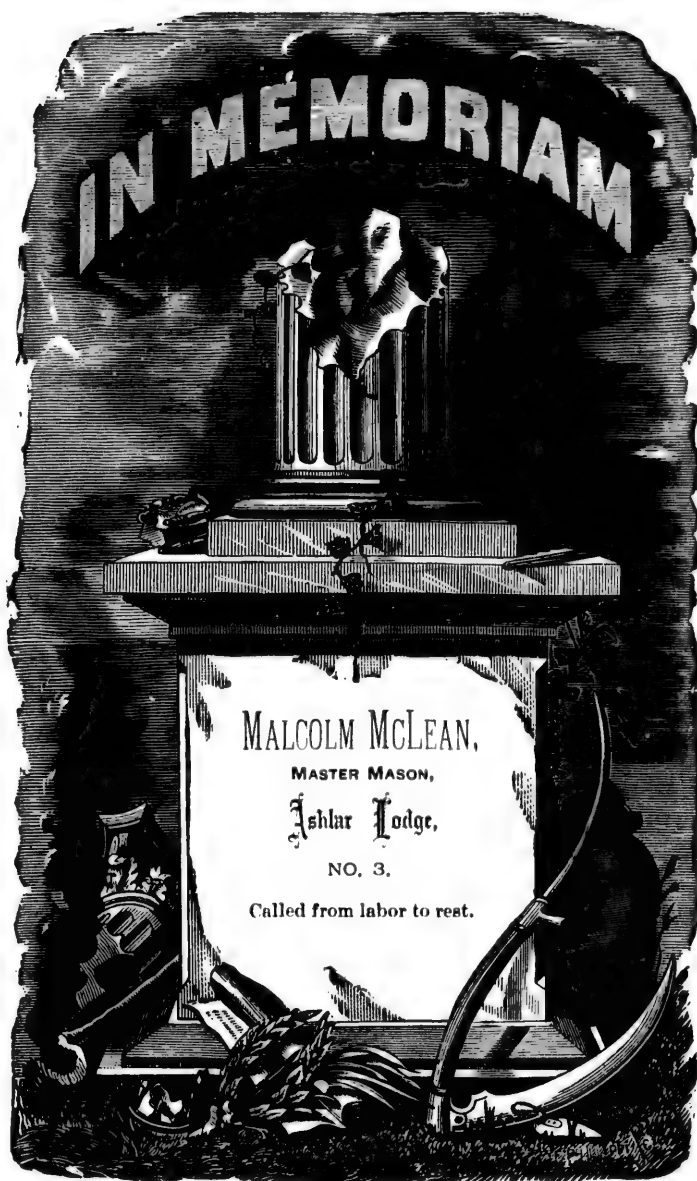




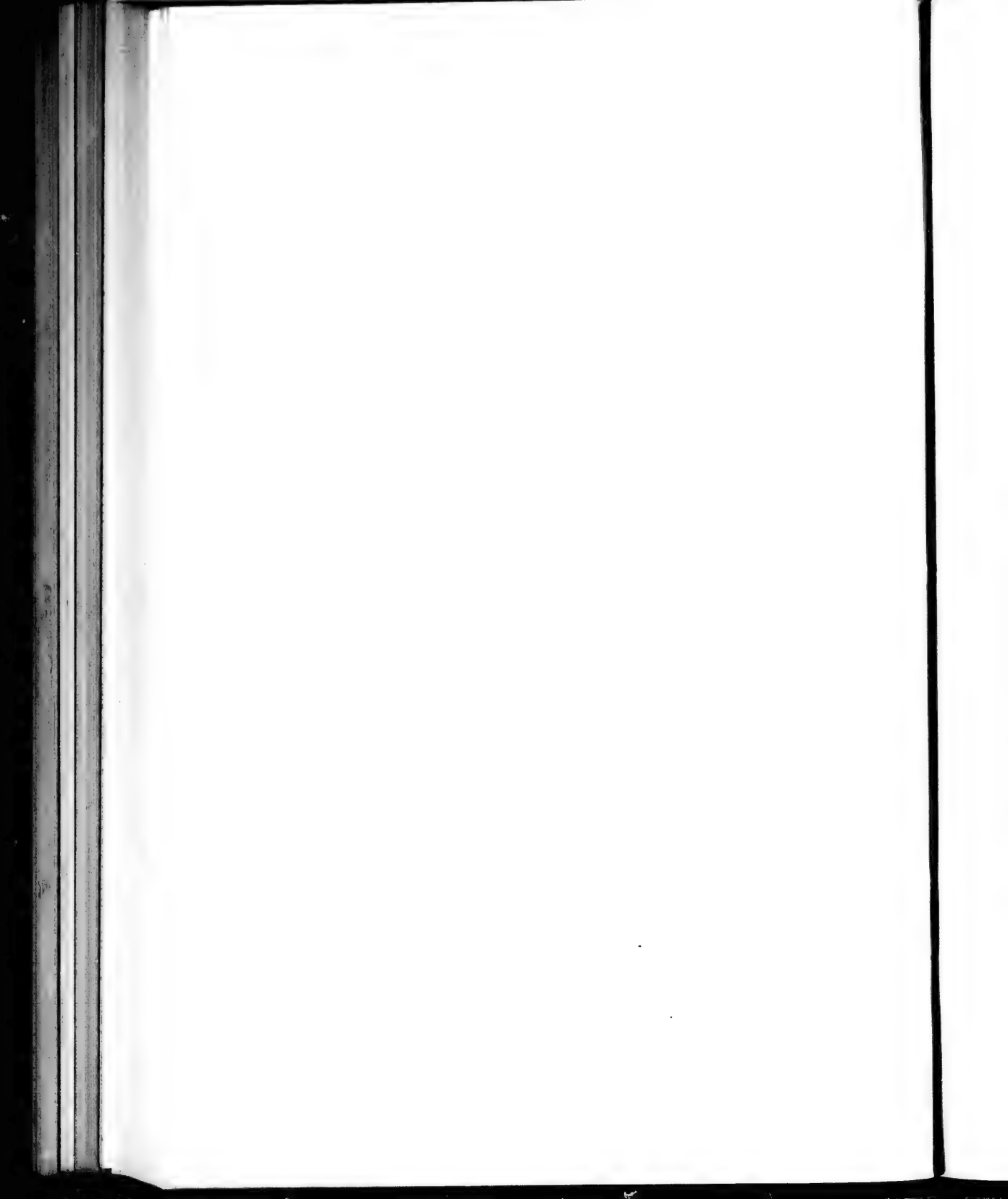


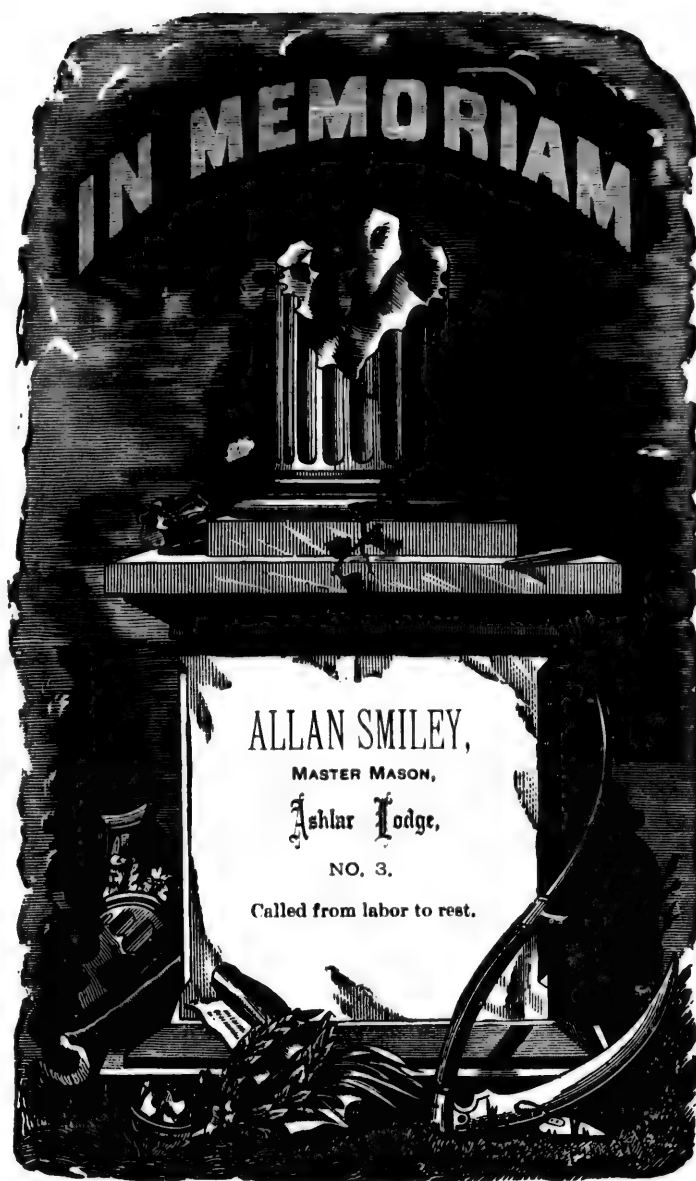


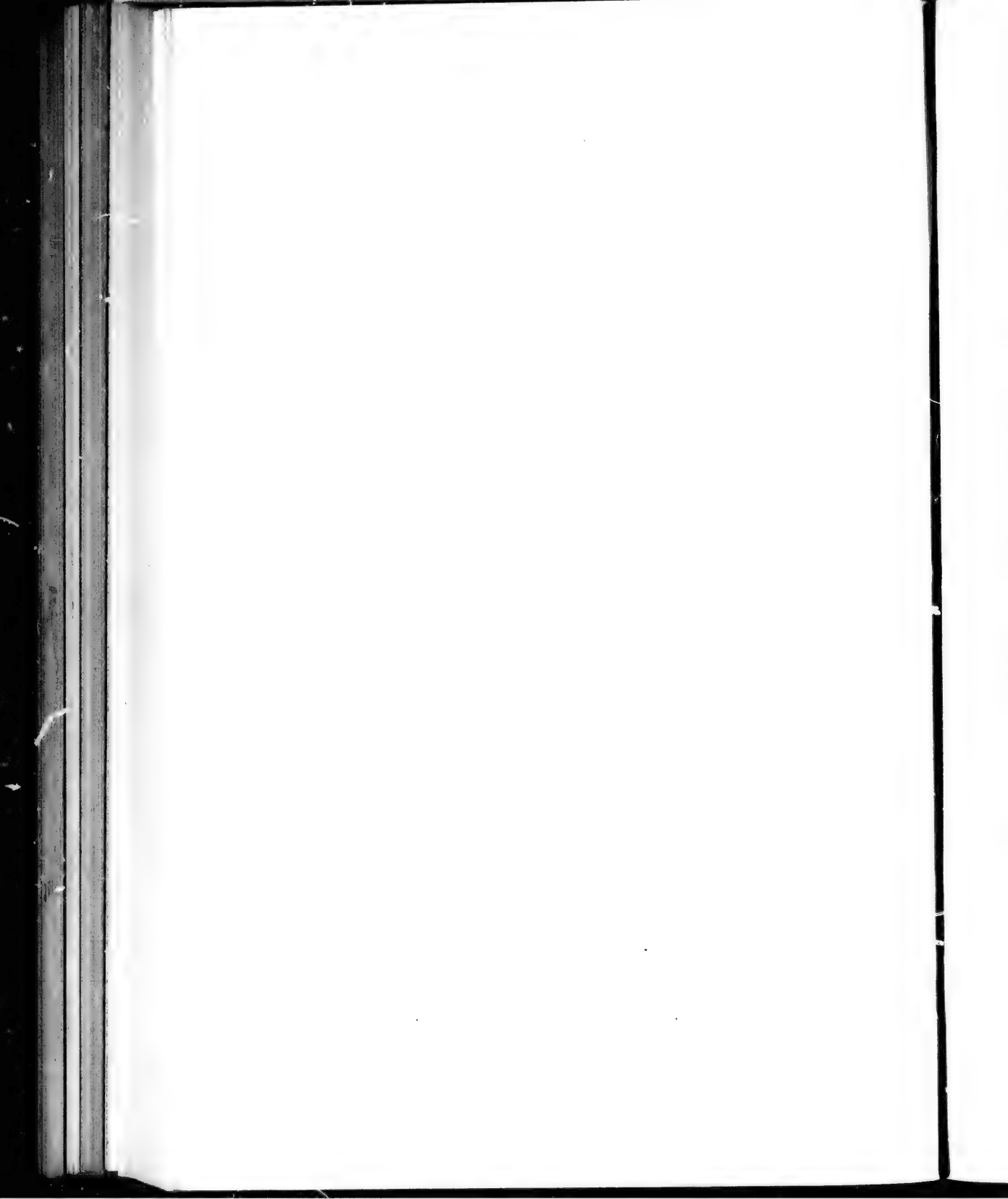


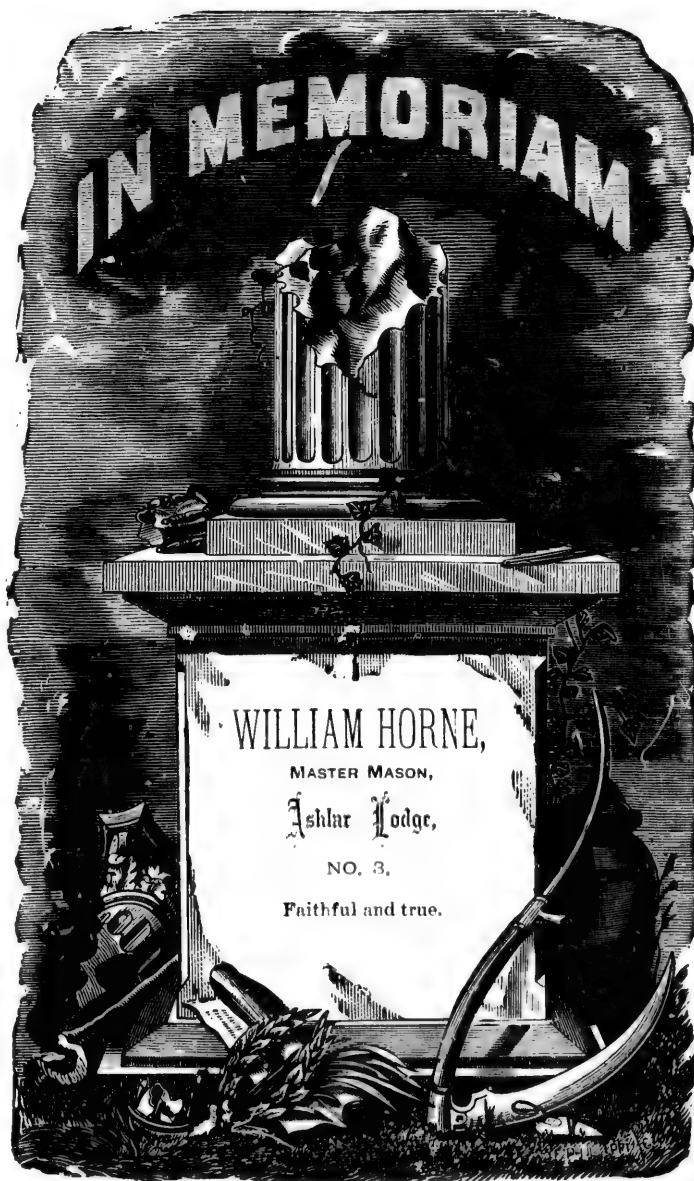


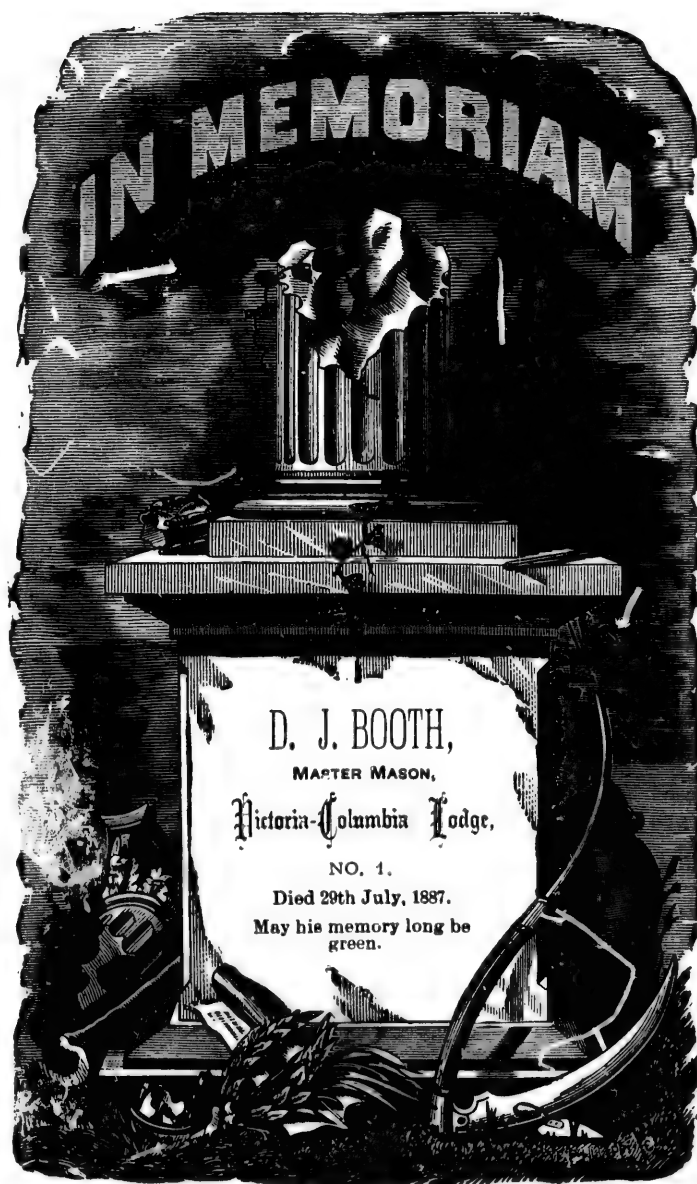














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Returns of the Subordinate Lodges

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

M. M. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

To February 28th, 5888.

VICTORIA-COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 1.

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the First Thursday in each month, at 7:30 P. M.

OFFICERS.

Northeott, W. W., W. M.	Williams, B. J., D. M.
Russell, G. S., S. W.	Nicholles, J., Director of Ceremonies.
Pearson, T. B., J. W.	Mesher, G. C., Steward.
Esnouf, R. B., Secretary.	Finlaison, W. H., Steward.
Tenue, J., Treasurer.	Monk, Thos., I. G.
Hookway, A. F., Organist.	Luker, W. G., Tyler.
Quinlan, W. J., S. D.	

PAST MASTERS:

Brown, Henry.	Millar, J.	Shotbolt, T.
Baker, E. C.	McKeown, A.	Trounce, T.
Clarke, W. H.	Mitchell, T. R.	Thomson, G.
Cartmel, D.	Nathan, H.	Weiler, J.
Elder, R.	Piercy, J.	Williams, F.
Harrison, W.	Salmon, E. J.	
Livock, W. T.	Southgate, J. J.	

MASTER MASONS:

Andrews, J.	Gray, S.	McCandless, A. G.
Arthur, W.	Gray, E. J.	Nicholson, J.
Bossi, G.	Higgins, D. W.	Prior, E. G.
Broderick, R.	Howard, J. T.	Phillips, A.
Bendrodt, J. P.	Hartnell, H. J.	Pennock, W. H.
Barnard, F. S.	Holmes, J. M.	Richards, M. S.
Brown, W. R.	Harrison, H. A.	Robinson, J. J.
Campbell, D.	Jeffcott, J. E.	Renouf, C. E.
Corves, A. C.	Kelly, S. L.	Rusta, A.
Cuniff, F.	Loewen, J.	Ridgeman, A. H.
Creech, W.	Levy, J. L.	Reid, A. R.
Clinton, G. W.	Lindsay, F. D.	Sheehan, D.
Cohen, J. A.	Lange, G.	Stockham, F.
Draney, R.	Mitchell, T. G.	Shaw, W. N.
Deans, G.	Millar, A.	Salmon, M.
Dudgeon, J.	Munro, G. E.	Saunders, H.
Dodds, T.	Morrison, J. W.	Smith, V. W.
Ellis, R. B.	Mesher, G.	Stanton, H.
Fowler, J.	McNerney, J.	Tornton, A. H.
Flett, H. T.	McDonald, A.	Trickey, W.
Fraser, R. L.	McCahill, M.	Toller, A.
Flint, A. St. Geo.	McNiven, A.	Whittaker, W.
Forrest, E. H.	McMillan, D.	Wickens, W.
Green, A. A.	McK Smith, J.	Wenger, J.
Grant, A.	McCulloch, W. F.	Wright, H. M.

DIED:

Booth, D. J. Bunte, J. G.

DEMITTED:

Cave, W. B.	Farlow, H. E.	Robertson, W. A.
Clarke, G. K.	McArthur, A. C.	Secord, B.
Cowser, J. M.	Newham, W. H.	Sherring, S. J. H.
Dawson, S.	Poil, H. J.	Wright, B.
Douglas, J. C.	Porter, J. T.	

SUSPENDED—One.

CANDIDATES REJECTED—Six.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—CONTINUED.

VANCOUVER-QUADRA LODGE, No. 2

VICTORIA, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the Third Wednesday in each month, at 7:30 P. M.

OFFICERS:

Moss, Morris, W. A. M.	Leiser, Gus., J. A. D.
Miller, James Munroe, S. A. W.	Patterson, John, Steward.
Irving, P. A., J. A. W.	Walker, H. G., Steward.
Erskine, A. B., Secretary.	Phillips, Jos. E., I. A. G.
Becker, H. F., Treasurer.	Luker, W. G., (not a member) Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

Aikman, H. W. B.	Harrison, Eli, Jr.	Ross, D. H.
Beaven, Robert.	Heisterman, H. F.	Waitt, M. W.
Chambers, C. M.	Milne, A. R.	Wilson, W. B.
Dalby, Wm.	Neufelder, E. C.	McMicking, R. B.
Grahame, Jas. A.	Oppenheimer, I.	Manson Wm.
Harrison, Eli, Sr.		

MASTER MASONS:

Batchelor, Job	Haynes, Geo. Wm.	McLennan, Jno.
Brown, R. A.	Heron, Robt.	McLean, Jno.
Bullen, W. F.	Hunter, Jos.	Melvor, Rod'k.
Campbell, F.	Harris, W. R.	Oppenheimer, D.
Calbreath, J. C.	Henderson, Alex.	Purvis, R. L.
Cunningham, Robt.	Harding, Thos.	Rudlin, Geo.
Choate, E.	Inge, Thos.	Rithet, R. P.
Coigdarripe, Jno.	Johnston, John.	Ruckles, Henry.
Dorman, Jno.	Kriemler, Jno.	Ross, Adam.
Davies, Joshua.	Lovell, J. B.	Steele, P.
Dawley, F. J.	Leiser, S.	Sargison, Geo. A.
Ettershank, Wm.	Moody, T. G.	Shaw, Thos.
Ercole, D.	Madden, Jer.	Stenhouse, A. M.
Finlayson, Jno.	Martin, Thos.	Turner, J. H.
Flett, Jas. C.	Morrison, Wm.	Vowell, A. W.
Ferguson, Jno. B.	Montobio, Geo.	Vueille, F. E. De.
Gilmore, A.	Meyer, William.	Williams, R. T.
Gutman, D.	Magnesen, Alfred.	Williams, Jno.
Gamble, F. C.	Mackintosh, W. D.	Wharton, H.
Haynes, Wm.	McIntosh, S. F.	

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Heathcote, Geo.

DIED.

Bryden, James.
McDonnell, R. J.

Ramsay, John.

Spratt, Jos.

DEMITTED:

Lewis Lewis.

Ofner, A.

Tuttle, Guy.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—CONTINUED.

ASHLAR LODGE, No. 3.

NANAIMO, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the Second Saturday in each month, at 7:30 P. M.

OFFICERS:

Wolfe, Marcus, W. M.	Bevilockway, George, J. D.
Lees, Andrew E., S. W.	Stewart, Wm., P. M., Dir. of Ceremonies
Thomson, George, J. W.	Martell, Joshua, Steward.
McKenzie, C. C., P. M., Secretary.	Frame, John, Steward.
Mayer, Alex., Treasurer.	Aitken, James, L. G.
Bate, Mark, P. M., Organist.	Bertram, John, Tyler.
Young, Robinson, S. D.	

PAST MASTERS:

Brown, James M.
Craig, Ralph.
Drake, Samuel.

Easson, Samuel.
Frame, John.

Haslam, Andrew.
Westwood, C. Novello

MASTER MASONS:

Abrams, James.
Aitken, Robt.
Baker, Geo.
Blackett, W. E.
Cameron, Peter.
Campbell, Walter.
Coburn, J. W.
Conick, Wm.
Cowie, Archie.
Cowling, W. B.
Davis, David.
Dunn, Robt.
Edwards, J. D.
Frame, James.
Gill, Alfred P.
Gillespie, John.
Grant, Alex.

Hamilton, S. B.
Harris, D.
Horne, A. G.
Horne, Wm. A.
Horth, C. W.
Hoskin, E. A.
Hughes, John.
McClulloch, Wm.
McIver, Malcolm.
McKinnell, Andrew.
McLachlan, Robt. K.
McLay, Robt.
McLean, D. J.
McLeod, Archibald.
Mahrer, John.
Millar, Thos.

O'Connell, Thos.
Paterson, James.
Paterson, John.
Puetz, John.
Ross, Henry.
Sabiston, John.
Stephenson, David.
Stirton, J. W.
Summerhayes, Alfred.
Tamblyn, James.
Thomas, David.
Trounce, Wm.
Trumper, Joseph.
Webb, Joseph.
Williams, Richard.
Young, C. N.

ENTERED APPRENTICES:

McMillan, Ewen.

DIED:

Hudson, Samuel.
Horn, William.

McLean, Malcolm.
Muir, Archibald.

Smiley, Allan.

DEMITTED:

Pearce, Charles Eden.

SUSPENDED—Two.

CANDIDATES REJECTED—Two.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—CONTINUED.

CARIBOO LODGE, No. 4.

BARKERVILLE, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the First Monday in each month, at 7:30 P. M.

OFFICERS:

Goodson, Jno. G., W.: M.:	Thormahlen, Theodore, S.: D.:
Stone, James, S.: W.:	McKay, David, J.: D.:
Polson, Charles, J.: W.:	Dow, George A., I.: G.:
McDermott, Henry, Secretary.	Wormold, William, Tyler.
Kelly, Andrew, Treasurer.	

PAST MASTERS:

Dow, George A.	McDermott, Henry.	Stone, James.
Hagaman, William.	Stephenson, William.	

MASTER MASONS:

Edwards, Rev. Henry.	Lewis, Lewis Jones.	Pearson, Edward.
Glendenning, Peter.	McLaren, Phillip.	Reid, James.
Johnston, William A.	McMillan, James C.	Trounce, Walter P.
Laurent, Joseph H. St.	O'Neill, Cornelius.	Van Volkenburg, Ben. F.

DIED:

Nutt, Jonathan, P.: M.:

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—CONTINUED.

MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7.

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the First Monday in each month, at 7:30 P. M.

OFFICERS:

Springer, B., W. M.	Downie, Wm., P. M., Treasurer.
Garrioch, C. R. T., S. W.	Ferguson, R. C., S. D.
Berry, H. A., J. W.	McAllister, J. M., J. D.
Miller, W. O., Secretary.	McDowell, J. M., Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

Allan, P. A.	Little, James.	Peck, E. J.
Black, George.		

MASTER MASONS:

Arkell, Henry.	Fraser, Angus.	McManus, D.
Bell, Henry A.	Gavin, Jno. J.	McLachlan, Donald.
Cameron, J.	Gunn, J. W.	Nelson, Charles.
Carmichael, D.	Haywood, W. W.	Shelton, Giles.
Ceperley, C. T.	Henderson, Stanley.	Scott, Samuel.
Cordiner, P.	Holmes, Richard.	Smith, Henry.
Colson, C. E.	Humphries, Jos.	Swett, P. N.
Cook, Edward.	Janes, J. T.	Taylor, G. N.
Creighton, W. D.	Marks, A. J.	Thomas, Gabriel.
Craig, William.	Magee, G. E.	Van Bramer, J.
Evans, David.	Matheson, William.	Weeks, G. W.
Erwin, Wm.	Mee, Robert.	Williams, J. M.
Farr, E.	Merrifield, Alex.	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Haywood, Vicker Wallace.

DEMITTED:

Beattie, John.

CANDIDATES REJECTED—Four.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—CONTINUED.

UNION LODGE, No. 9.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the First Monday in each month, at 8 P. M.

OFFICERS:

Mowat, Thomas, W. M. M. .	McRoberts, John, S. . D. .
Rae, Jas. D., S. . W. .	Gray, John H., J. . D. .
Doane, L. L., J. . W. .	McLean, Allan, Steward.
Grant, Peter, Secretary.	McAskill, Malcolm, Steward.
Douglas, B., Treasurer.	Rickman, R. J., I. . G. .
Croucher, Rev. Chas., Chaplain.	Howay, William, Tyler.

PAST MASTERS:

Buie, John.	Grant, Peter.	Kelly, Robt. B.
Clute, John S.	Howay, William.	Murray, John.
Duncan, Wm. A.	Hoy, Henry.	Spiers, James.

MASTER MASONS:

Binnie, Thos.	Hosker, E. J.	Miller, James.
Bole, W. N.	Hussey, F. S.	Mills, Joseph.
Clapcott, W. G. C.	Hillyer, Chas.	Moresby, Joseph.
Currie, Wm.	Jaques, G. J.	Murchie, David.
Cowper, Jesse M.	Kennedy, E. H.	Montgomery, James.
Coatham, W. C.	Laidlaw, Jas. A.	Riskie, L. O.
Charleson, Alexander.	Lehman, I.	Rankin, James.
Dorcey, E. F.	McDonald, William	Sillitoe, Rt. Rev. Bishop.
Dodd, Wm.	McMillan, Daniel.	Stirsky, F.
Davis, Willis.	McLennan, John C.	Shadwell, H. B.
Forrester, James.	McBride, A. H.	Smither, A.
Gray, Thos. W.	McKenzie, George.	Tingley, Stephen.
Gilley, Walter A.	McIntosh, R. W.	Teschner, H. C.
Gauvreau, N. B.	McGillivray, D.	Wilson, James.
Hall, Zed. S.	McNeely, Thos.	Webster, G. C.
Harvey, Jas. W.	Mead, George.	Wiggins, John.
Hendry, John.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

McColl, William.	Patterson, Donald.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Gillee, Geo. W.	Smith, W. A. DeWolf.	Campbell, A. O.
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DEMITTED:

Berry, Harry.	Forrester, James.	Miller, W. O.
Brown, F. S.	Garrioch, C. R. T.	Smither, R.
Elson, Wm.	Gavin, John.	Wilson, D.

CANDIDATES REJECTED—Four.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—CONTINUED.

KAMLOOP3 LODGE, No. 10.

KAMLOOPS, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the First Monday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Grahame, James Ogden, W. M.	Lee, Robert Henry, J. D.
Ridley, Henry C. M., S. W.	Trounce, Walter Pond, D. C.
Tunstall, Simon John, J. W.	Roper, Wm. J., Steward.
McGregor, Alex., Secretary.	Risteen, George F.
Robson, Fred. W., Treasurer.	Venn, Albert J., I. G.
Cooper, Wm. Henry, Chaplain.	Burnyeat, John Purvis, Tyler.
Roadley, Thomas, S. D.	

PAST MASTERS:

Clarke, Sibree.	Horlock, D. H. W.	McGregor, Alex.
Cooper, Wm. Henry.		

MASTER MASONS:

Duck, Jacob.	Noble, Andrew.	Smith, Walter H.
Graham, Thos.	Rushdall, Geo. Herbert.	Spinks, Wm. Ward.
Leonard, David P.	Risteen, Geo. F.	Walkem, Geo. A.
Mara, John A.	Shildrick, Alfred	

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Lawes, George.	Ross, John D.	Hillman, Stillman C.
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ENTERED APPRENTICES:

Shaw, John James.

DEMITTED:

Cambie, Henry John.	Dodd, William.	Lee, Norman.
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CANDIDATES REJECTED—Two.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—CONTINUED.

MOUNTAIN LODGE, No. 11.

DONALD, B. C.

Regular Communications are held on the Second Wednesday in each month.

OFFICERS:

Downie, Thomas., W... M..	Griffith, John Edgar, S.. D..
Hamilton, John, S.. W..	Ruttan, Walter Shanly, S.. D..
Lilly, William Henry., J.. W..	Forbes, Andrew Fraser, S.. Steward.
Rao, Thomas Miller, Secretary.	Hall, Robert Isaac Candy, J.. Steward.
Johnson, James Bruce, Treasurer.	Blythe, Thomas Augustine, I.. G..
Cameron, Alex. Henry, Chaplain.	Newman, William, Tyler.

PAST MASTER:

Newman, Frederick Leslie.

MASTER MASON:

Bright, J. B.	Hobbs, F. E.	Penny, T. C.
Carmichael, D.	Johnson, L. R.	Pullinger, J. G.
Clarke, Sibree, Hon. Member.	Mackenzie, G. R.	Russell, E. J.
	Marpole, R.	Spragge, A. G. M.
Comer, H.	McInnes, A.	Sweat, J. A.
Cooper, W. H.	McArthur, J. C.	Van Antwerp, W. F.
Ferguson, D.	McLean, D. H.	Wall, John.
Gilbranson, M. S.	Mee, R.	Whorton, J.
Goulding, F. J.		

FELLOW CRAFTS:

Lewis, D. O.

Matheson, William.

McKay, D.

CANDIDATES REJECTED—Four.

GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH
COLUMBIA, ON THE 26TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A. L., 5871.

1871—FIRST.

Israel Wood Powell.....	Grand Master.
Jno. Foster McCreight.....	Deputy Grand Master.
Simeon Duck.....	Senior Grand Warden.
Henry Nathan.....	Junior “
Marshall W. Waitt.....	Grand Treasurer.
H. F. Heisterman.....	Grand Secretary.

1872—SECOND.

Israel Wood Powell.....	Grand Master.
James A. Grahame.....	Deputy Grand Master.
Simeon Duck.....	Senior Grand Warden.
William R. Clarke.....	Junior “
Marshall W. Waitt.....	Grand Treasurer.
H. F. Heisterman.....	Grand Secretary.

1873—THIRD.

Israel Wood Powell.....	Grand Master.
John Foster McCreight.....	Deputy Grand Master.
William Dalby.....	Senior Grand Warden.
Eli Harrison, Sen'r.....	Junior “
Marshall W. Waitt.....	Grand Treasurer.
H. F. Heisterman.....	Grand Secretary.

1874-75—FOURTH.

Simeon Duck.....	Grand Master.
Frederick Williams.....	Deputy Grand Master.
Eli Harrison, Sen'r.....	Senior Grand Warden.
*Ebenezer Brown.....	Junior “
Marshall W. Waitt.....	Grand Treasurer.
*Coote M. Chambers.....	Grand Secretary.

1876—FIFTH.

Frederick Williams.....	Grand Master.
Eli Harrison, Sen'r.....	Deputy Grand Master.
*Cornelius Thorne.....	Senior Grand Warden.
*J. G. Vinter.....	Junior “
Marshall W. Waitt.....	Grand Treasurer.
*Coote M. Chambers.....	Grand Secretary.

*Decased.

1877—SIXTH.

Frederick Williams	Grand Master.
Eli Harrison, Sen'r	Deputy Grand Master.
*J. G. Vinter	Senior Grand Warden.
*Coote M. Chambers	Junior " "
Marshall W. Waitt	Grand Treasurer.
Eli Harrison, Jr.	Grand Secretary.

1878—SEVENTH.

Eli Harrison, Sen'r	Grand Master.
*J. G. Vinter	Deputy Grand Master.
*Coote M. Chambers	Senior Grand Warden.
Henry Brown	Junior " "
Marshall W. Waitt	Grand Treasurer.
Eli Harrison, Jr.	Grand Secretary.

1879—EIGHTH.

Eli Harrison, Sen'r	Grand Master.
*Coote M. Chambers	Deputy Grand Master.
Henry Brown	Senior Grand Warden.
Eli Harrison, Jr.	Junior " "
Marshall W. Waitt	Grand Treasurer.
Edgar Crow Baker	Grand Secretary.

1880—NINTH.

Eli Harrison, Sen'r	Grand Master.
*Coote M. Chambers	Deputy Grand Master.
Henry Brown	Senior Grand Warden.
Eli Harrison, Jr.	Junior " "
Marshall W. Waitt	Grand Treasurer.
Edgar Crow Baker	Grand Secretary.

1881—TENTH.

*Coote M. Chambers	Grand Master.
Henry Brown	Deputy Grand Master.
William T. Livock	Senior Grand Warden.
Eli Harrison, Jr.	Junior " "
Marshall W. Waitt	Grand Treasurer.
Edgar Crow Baker	Grand Secretary.

1882—ELEVENTH.

Henry Brown	Grand Master.
Mark Bate	Deputy Grand Master.
Thomas Trounce	Senior Grand Warden.
Robert Burns Kelly	Junior " "
Marshall W. Waitt	Grand Treasurer.
Edgar Crow Baker	Grand Secretary.

*Deceased.

1883—TWELFTH.

Edgar Crow Baker.....	Grand Master.
Thomas Trounce.....	Deputy Grand Master.
Robert Burns Kelly.....	Senior Grand Warden.
Robert Beaven.....	Junior " "
Marshall W. Waitt.....	Grand Treasurer.
Alex. R. Milne.....	Grand Secretary.

1884—THIRTEENTH.

Edgar Crow Baker.....	Grand Master.
Thomas Trounce.....	Deputy Grand Master.
Robert Beaven.....	Senior Grand Warden.
Alex. R. Milne.....	Junior " "
William Dalby.....	Grand Treasurer.
Edward C. Neufelder.....	Grand Secretary.

1885—FOURTEENTH.

Thomas Trounce.....	Grand Master.
William Dalby.....	Deputy Grand Master.
Alex. R. Milne.....	Senior Grand Warden.
*Josias C. Hughes.....	Junior " "
H. F. Heisterman.....	Grand Treasurer.
Edward C. Neufelder.....	Grand Secretary.

1886—FIFTEENTH.

William Dalby.....	Grand Master.
Alex. R. Milne.....	Deputy Grand Master.
*Josias C. Hughes.....	Senior Grand Warden.
Wm. Stewart.....	Junior " "
H. F. Heisterman.....	Grand Treasurer.
Edward C. Neufelder.....	Grand Secretary.

1887—SIXTEENTH.

Alex. R. Milne.....	Grand Master.
John S. Clute.....	Deputy Grand Master.
Dixie H. Ross.....	Senior Grand Warden.
Henry Hoy.....	Junior " "
H. F. Heisterman.....	Grand Treasurer.
Edward C. Neufelder.....	Grand Secretary.

1888—SEVENTEENTH.

Alex. R. Milne.....	Grand Master.
J. S. Clute.....	Deputy Grand Master.
H. Hoy.....	Senior Grand Warden.
A. McKeown.....	Junior " "
H. F. Heisterman.....	Grand Treasurer.
Henry Brown.....	Grand Secretary.

*Deceased.

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GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

VICTORIA, B. C., November 13th, 1888.

By command of the M. W. Grand Master, I am instructed to call the attention of all Lodges in this jurisdiction to the following errors and omissions in the last issue of the Constitution, revised and adopted 18th June, 1887, and direct them to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Page 19, Clause 20, last line, for Clarse XI read IX.

Page 40, Clause omitted, reads as 139a. "No Lodge in British Columbia shall make a Mason for a less consideration than Fifty Dollars."

A. Brown
Grand Secretary

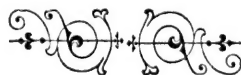


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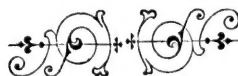


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